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VIGILANTES MENACE ORANGE GROVE STRIKERS

NEARLY 4000 PICKERS IN WALKOUT FOR FAIR DEAL

Union Demands Recognition and 40 Cts. An Hour, With Free Transportation

SANTA ANA, Calif., June 12.—With American Legion leaders ready to attack strikers with pickhandles, armed deputies escorting scabs to the fields, threatened deportation of workers by Federal immigration authorities and wholesale arrests likely on charges of violation of the Criminal Syndicalism law, the orange pickers' strike in Orange county assumed serious proportions in a new outbreak of violence that flared up yesterday.

RELIEF WON BY E. BAY STRIKE

Police in New Attack Invade
Young Strikers' Soup
Kitchen

OAKLAND.—Invasion of the strikers' soup kitchen, under orders of Captain Brown, was the latest police step in the attempt to crush the militant strike in the L. A. Young Spring and Steel Co. plant.

The invasion occurred about midnight last Friday, the cops dumping a sack of beans on the floor and throwing cushions off the benches.

Earlier in the evening those strikers who had not yet signed up in the union as well as several union members were rounded up and taken to a meeting at Oakland Hills in Sequoia Park. This was done in an effort to break the strikers' unity. The meeting was addressed by Captain Thorwald Brown, who has led the terror against the strike.

POLICE TRY TO BREAK UNITY

The workers were offered terms of 50 cents an hour, a 44-hour week, time and a half for overtime, and double time for Sundays and holidays. The catch was that there was to be no union recognition.

Union demands are for rates of 65 to 75 cents an hour, and union recognition, in addition to the hourly conditions conceded in the above offer.

The answer to this attempt of the bosses and police to break strike ranks was a widespread walkout for reinforcements on the picket line. The Young strike is in its fourth week, with the strikers as solid today as they were on the day the strike began.

Active in support of the strike has been the Public Works and Unemployed Union. The P. W. U. U. in the past week has helped several groups of strikers secure direct relief.

When seven strikers from the Young plant applied for relief the other day, they were turned down. In reply to this, a committee from each of the strikes, the American Can, California Cotton Mills and Young, headed by a group of P. W. U. U. members called on the SRA. There were about 100 workers in the delegation. The result was that a lot of red tape was cut and 44 workers were immediately put on relief. Social workers were ordered to work all day Saturday and Sunday interviewing these workers and issuing emergency grocery orders.

DEMAND BROWN'S DISMISSAL

One reason why the L. A. Young workers have been the target for particularly vicious police brutality came to light when an employee stated that shortly before the strike, the

Latest advices from the orange district said that thugs are being hired from Los Angeles and other strike-breaking agencies and rushed into the strike area.

Between 3000 and 4000 pickers are affected and, according to Orange Pickers' Union leaders, packing houses will be forced to close before many days.

"We have attempted to arbitrate this matter with the employers," said Lucas Lucio, Mexican consular representative, speaking for the strikers, said, "and have made no demands that we do not feel reasonable. They have made no concessions in this fight and we are simply striking to obtain a fair deal."

UNION DEMANDS

The five demands of the strikers are:

1. That the pickers be given recognition of their union and the right to bargain collectively.
2. That a fair wage of 40 cents per hour be established, with a 30 box quota being accepted as basis for computation of a nine-hour day, and that thereafter they be paid at the rate of 7 cents per box.
3. That on this basis the workers do not ask or expect any bonus.
4. That the pickers will remain in service until the end of the regular season, respecting the rights to quit for actual cause, and the right of the employer to discharge for actual cause.
5. That transportation to and

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N. B. C. to Broadcast Nominations At National Communist Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—Nomination of Communist Party candidates for president and vice president in the 1936 elections, will be broadcast over a national hookup of the National Broadcasting Company, it was learned here today.

This program will be released in the San Francisco Bay area over Station KGO, San Francisco.

Date of the broadcast is Sunday, June 28th, 1 to 2 p. m. Pacific Coast time on the last day of the national convention. House parties and meetings are being planned here by the Communist Campaign Committee of San Francisco at the time of the broadcast.

Communist Party candidates for the two highest offices in the land will speak on the program over the national air hookup.

COMPLETE DEMOCRACY IS AIM OF NEW SOVIET CONSTITUTION

Represents Goal Achieved After 19 Years Of Socialist Construction; Class Contradictions Dissolved

MOSCOW, June 15.—Draft of the new constitution of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics extends to the population the highest degree of democracy and security ever enjoyed by any people.

Following publication of the proposed constitution, there will be a five-month period of public discussion out of which amendments may develop. Then it will be submitted to the All-Union Congress of Soviets on Nov. 25.

This administrative change in the Soviet government represents the triumph of Socialism and achievement of a goal toward which the nation has been striving ever since the revolution. Complete democracy immediately after the seizure of power was impossible, inasmuch as Russia, then, was a nation divided. The population was split into two classes with irreconcilable interests and differences of opinion—two classes bent upon directing the destinies of Russia

in opposite directions. The capitalist class would have utilized this democracy to disrupt the march toward Socialism.

As a consequence, the Soviets established the dictatorship of the proletariat which granted democracy only to the working class and permitted the working class to dictate over all other sections of the populace.

CONTRADICTIONS GONE

After 19 years, during which the nation was advanced from one of the most backward in the world to the foremost industrial nation on earth, the Soviet Union now has a unified, responsible population and the goal of complete democracy is possible. Although constructive differences of opinion exist in abundance, it is no longer a case of some wanting to establish Socialism and others making every effort to disrupt and prevent it.

Class contradictions have been dissolved, race hatreds have been abolished by long campaigns of education and cooperation, private exploiting interests have been done away with. None of these insanities remain for unscrupulous elements to play upon and use to convert elections into wrangling for private advantage.

DEMOCRACY OF SECURITY

The Soviet democracy will be a democracy of security and not a competitive circus of rival private interests. It establishes the freedom of the people to live, work and enjoy the benefits of their work, not the freedom of large private owners to exploit and make profits. Exploitation and private profit are not regarded as rights or liberties in the Soviet Union; they are crimes and infamies from which the public must be protected.

Even before the present constitution, the Soviet Union had a higher degree of democracy than capitalist countries, inasmuch as the dictatorship of the proletariat meant the dictatorship of the majority of toilers over a minority of exploiters.

NEW GUARANTEES
Outstanding provisions of the
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Anita Whitney Heads State Delegation to Convention

MOBILIZE ALL FORCES IN BIG ANTI-C.S. PUSH

Signature Groups from Unions,
Other Groups Out on the
Streets on June
27th-28th

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—Mobilization of all anti-fascist, pro-labor forces for the big two day drive on June 27th and 28th to collect signatures to place the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act on the ballot, is going full speed ahead in Southern California.

Meetings to rally the people to the support of the repeal campaign and to mobilize all forces for the big "push" have been arranged in Los Angeles and other Southern California towns. Squads of signature collectors from trade unions, churches, Epic Clubs, Townsend Clubs, and other mass organizations will go into the streets, at clubs, open forums, beaches, theatres, union halls, picnics, and other places where people gather.

Plans for creating a radio fund for a state-wide broadcast to organize the people of the state in the campaign are now under way.

ASK DONATIONS

Donations for this fund may be sent to the office of the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, Rooms, 618-20, American Bank Building, 129 West 2nd street, Los Angeles, or to the State Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act, 63 Haight street, San Francisco.

GETTING READY

"In Los Angeles signatures are coming in fine," said Rose Chevin, Council Secretary. "We are busy precincting them and getting ready to file them."

"Our petition collectors are enthusiastically tackling the job for the preliminary filing. We are listing the place where the most signatures may be obtained in order that on June 27th and 28th we may get the balance of the signatures to put the repeal on the ballot."

Ivan Davis, Epic, has put out 125 petitions in the 61st Assembly District and collectors are working door-to-door.

"There is no question but that we will get the required number of signatures," Davis declared. "We Epics in the 61st know what the law means and we are going to repeal it."

WOMEN ACTIVE

The Women's Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism is a very active participant in the repeal campaign. They are now planning an affair for the benefit of the C. S. drive.

Townsend Club 148 passed a resolution, introduced by Edward Gettins of the Guardians of American Liberty, endorsing the repeal campaign. Many petitions are being circulated by the Townsendites.

Miss Jeanette Burroughs, Harry Sims Branch of the International Labor Defense, says it is very easy to get petitions filled. "All you have to do is ask for signatures, everybody will sign," declared Miss Burroughs.

A speaker for the repeal of the C. S. Law spoke before an American Legion Post last week and was very well received.
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UNIONS HELP IN LAUNCHING LABOR PARTY

Central Labor Bodies Taking
Lead in Industrial
Centers in Ohio,
Illinois

CHICAGO.—The powerful Chicago Federation of Labor has referred favorably to all local unions the resolution for political organization of all union members in the city on the basis of awards and precincts. This is considered a big step nearer to independent political organization for the Chicago unions. Sush ward and precinct organization would give great strength to the Chicago and Cook County Labor Party.

AKRON, Ohio.—The first representative Farmer-Labor Party convention in Ohio made labor history when more than 300 delegates officially representing 3 central labor unions and over 90 trade unions and fraternal organizations formed the Farmer-Labor Party of Summit County and the 14th Ohio Congressional district. Communist and Socialist Party branches also took part in the Convention.

Fraternal delegates came from all over the state, and in a separate caucus discussed the promotion of an all-inclusive Farmer-Labor Party for all Ohio. The keynote speech of the Convention was made by Wilmer Tate, progressive president of the Summit County Central Labor Union. The formation of a Farmer-Labor Party, he said, was a matter of life and death for the American workers.

Official fraternal greetings were brought by Richard Reisinger, president of the Cleveland Auto Council, Jack Kroll of the Cincinnati Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the secretary of the Toledo Central Council, the president of the Columbus Federation of Labor, and others.

COP SLEEPS

SAN JOSE.—Found asleep at the Y. M. C. A., many blocks off his beat, Henry Cunningham, police officer, has been suspended by Police Chief J. N. Black.

Pat Chambers, C.S. Victim, Urges Trade Unionists to Repeal Statute

SAN QUENTIN PRISON.—"Tell the trade unionists, the workers in the shops that they have to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act so they won't come in here with us."

This was the statement made by Pat Chambers, who was framed on C. S. charges because he led a successful strike of agricultural workers.

"I'm not discouraged," declared Chambers. "I know why I'm in here, but I don't want any other workers to join me and my comrades because of this vicious law."

"As far as the authorities here, they're iron—they're steel. They hear of protests against our imprisonment, but if they would see a million signatures for repeal of the C. S. Act, tied up with the demand for our re-

Western Worker Picnic, June 21

LOS ANGELES, June 13.—Final arrangements have been made for the annual Western Worker Press Picnic to be held next Sunday, June 21, at Royal Palms Grove, San Pedro.

There will be games, dancing, a variety of entertainment and a plentiful supply of food. Admission will be 25 cents, including transportation. Trucks will leave 2706 Brooklyn ave. and 230 South Spring street, at 9 a. m.

CIO GETS DRIVE TO ORGANIZE IN STEEL STARTED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The organization of one mighty union of steel workers has begun. The effect on organization of the unorganized in all industries is expected to be tremendous.

Following the signing of the agreement between the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers with the Committee for Industrial Organization, the C. I. O. chairman, John L. Lewis, lost no time, and announced the membership on the steel workers' organizing committee and preliminary details of the gigantic campaign.

Philip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers, is to head the steel workers' organizing committee. David McDonald of Pittsburgh is to be secretary-treasurer.

Associate members named are Julius Hochman, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers; M. F. Tighe, president, and Joseph K. Gaither, vice president of the Amalgamated Association; Leo Krzycki, vice president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; John Brophy, secretary of the C. I. O., and Pat Fagan, president of District 5 of the United Mine Workers.

Regional directors for the organization drive in the Pittsburgh and Chicago areas have been named.

Central headquarters have been set up in Pittsburgh. Field workers are being assigned.

For higher wages, against the high cost of living!

REGISTER COMMUNIST AS
BLOW AGAINST REACTION!

CHAIRMAN OF CALIF. PARTY MAKES APPEAL

Beloved Veteran of Workers'
Struggles Calls for Action
In Support of Communist Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—Anita Whitney, newly elected State Chairman of the Communist Party at its recent California State Convention, and heading the California delegation to the National Convention of the Party which opens on June 24th in New York City, issued the following statement before her scheduled departure for New York next Friday.

FOR UNITED FRONT
"The entering of Communist candidates for the State Legislature and for Congress in the August primary elections is the most effective means of continuing the fight for a Farmer-Labor Party in California and to build the united front against reaction, fascist vigilantism, and for the protection of the economic and political interests of the people."

"Every effort must be made to file the largest possible number of Communist candidates, and we must put on a big drive for the necessary funds for filing fees, radio broadcasts, etc., in the few remaining days before the closing filing date for candidates, June 20th."

STATE CONVENTION
"The Party Convention was a great inspiration to all of us, and its decisions must become a means of mobilizing the Party and the masses in the fight against the menace of fascist reaction and war."

"We must bring the best fighters for working-class unity into the party. We must build a mass circulation for our most important weapon, the Western Worker. We must bring the Communist election campaign to 100,000 people in California."

Comrade Anita Whitney is the Communist candidate for Congress in the 4th Congressional District.

De end the Soviet Union against the attack of Hitler and Mussolini, Japan and Poland.

Memorial Rites For Victims of Eureka Terror

EUREKA, Cal., June 15.—Memorial services for three members of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, Local 2563, will be held here next Sunday, June 21st, on the anniversary of their murder by police thugs.

The service will be conducted by the Kaarte-Edlund-Lampella branch of the International Labor Defense, named for the three victims of police terror against the strikers. The three victims were William Kaarte, Harold Edlund, and Paul Lampella, the latter not dying until August 8th, 1935, even though he received a bullet through his eye.

"We Still Carry On" is the slogan of the I. L. D. branch.

18 NEW ARRESTS UNDER OLD GEORGIA INSURRECTION LAW

I. L. D. Sees State Coming to Defense of K.K.K. and Black Legion

ATLANTA, Ga., June 15.—Eighteen new Angelo Herndon cases!

Eighteen Negro and white workers were facing the death penalty on charges of "inciting to insurrection" under Georgia's ancient slave law, following a raid on a workers' meeting in a private home several weeks ago.

Famed Attorneys Launch Election Campaign in L.A.

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—Election campaign of Leo Gallagher, world famed court defender of working class leaders, and Grover Johnson, also distinguished labor attorney, will be launched at a rally and banquet here at Clifton's Cafeteria, 612 South Olive street, on Saturday, June 20th, at 6:30 p.m.

Gallagher will speak for his candidacy for Superior Court Office No. 13, opposing the labor-hating incumbent, Judge Arthur Crum. Johnson will speak for his candidacy for district attorney, opposing the incumbent, Burton Fitts, L. A. Times lackey. Leading liberals and progressives who have declared their support of the two candidates will be present personally to endorse them. Both are entering the non-partisan elections with the support of the Communist Party.

Gallagher and Johnson have both stated that their campaign for election will center largely around the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

No admission will be charged, except for the food, cafeteria style.

Slaughter Goes On In S.F. Bridge Job

SAN FRANCISCO.—The second death in three days due to speedup and insufficient protection, occurred recently on the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge job. George Zink, 39, a carpenter, plunged 450 feet from the top of a tower just west of Yerba Buena Island. Zink left a wife and a 9-year-old daughter. Two days before, Paul Gurley, a steel worker, fell from the bridge arch and was killed. Twenty-two deaths on the bridge job have been officially admitted to date, but bridge workers state that this far underestimates the actual number.

At the meeting of the Central Trades Council last Friday, Delegate Sanders of the Ornamental Iron Workers reminded Secretary Vandeleur that the Council had voted over two months ago to demand that nets be placed under the bridge, and that despite this no such protection has been given, resulting in so many deaths. Sanders asked Vandeleur what he intended to do about this and Vandeleur implied that nothing could or would be done, passing the buck to the Industrial Commissioner.

YOUTH MEETINGS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Youth's part in the People's Front in France" will be discussed by Miss L. McConnell Friday night, June 19th, at the meeting of the Tom Mooney Branch of the Young Communist League at 121 Haight street.

Regular Sunday night meetings will be inaugurated June 21st with singing, dramatics and informal discussion. On Friday, June 26th, a beach party and "weenie roast" will be held.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST
—AT—
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GOOD FOOD - DANCING - HIKING
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Mich. Labor Party Shows Police Ties With Black Legion

DETROIT.—A five year wave of bombing of workers' organization headquarters, and beatings and shootings of over a dozen union organizers by the Black Legion, was known to the police all along, but they took no action.

This was the charge made by the Farmer-Labor Party of Wayne County, the heart of America's automobile industry.

TIE-UP WITH EMPLOYERS
"The anti-labor program of the Black Legion coincides with the program of union busting by the auto manufacturers," the Farmer-Labor Party here charged. Labor unions and the Conference for the Protection of Civil Rights asked for investigation of the police chief when he refused to probe the dozen bombings listed by the Farmer-Labor Party, but they met only with refusals.

"The Black Legion clearly shows the menace of fascist organization," the Farmer-Labor Party states. Prosecutor McCrea, after a night of intensive questioning of four Black Legionnaires held here, revealed that the fascists had an "intelligence squad," with the task of burning homes of those believed to be Communist or trade union leaders. They fired the house of William Moltenhauer in Oakland County because of his connections with organized labor.

From Toledo, where the Black Legion is also suspected of murder, it is reported that the fascist organization's program concentrated on "knocking off" militant labor leaders and members of religious sects not approved by the Black Legion. This was stated by a Black Legion member.

FASCIST COUP PLANNED
Prosecutor Duncan McCrea stated that after talking with General Smedley Butler over the telephone, he was convinced that the Black Legion was rapidly building strength for a coup to establish a fascist dictatorship. He said that the talk with Butler had made him believe that the aims of the Black Legion were very similar to the fascist plot to march on Washington, revealed by General Butler in 1934. Butler was then asked by certain Wall Street agents to lead the fascist march, but exposed it instead.

The trail of the Black Legion terror led to bosses in the large Detroit automobile plants, it was learned, when Frank Rice, a Packard Motor Car Co. investigator and foreman in two other auto plants were among the 5 men held as members of the Black Legion "intelligence squad."

Negro Youth of East Bay Hold Discussion
OAKLAND.—The Alameda County Youth Section of the Negro Congress is holding a mass meeting to discuss the American Youth Act at the Central Y. W. C. A., 5th and Webster, on June 19, 8 p. m.

The Negro youth favor passage of the American Youth Act, and at the same time point out that the National Youth Administration utterly fails to provide for the youth. The charge that the NYA is not democratically administered that it employs only one-fourth of the youth needing employment; and that it is a threat to the already declining wage standards.

The East Bay Negro youth ask their friends in that region to lend their support by attending their June 19 hearing.

S. F. Warehousemen Strike on Wages, Hrs.
SAN FRANCISCO.—Demanding higher wages and union recognition, the workers of the Seller Warehouse here are on strike under the leadership of the Warehousemen's Union, affiliated with the I. L. A. The Seller firm refused to accept a working agreement calling for union recognition, wages of 60 to 62 1/2 cents an hour, a 44 hour week, time and a half for overtime, 10 day vacation with pay and seniority rights.

The strike may spread to take in 400 workers in other warehouses.

For unemployment, old-age and social insurance—for the Frazier-Lundeen Bill!

VICTIM OF MOB CAN'T GO HOME

Citizen of Santa Rosa Seeking Protection; Urges State Prosecute Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO.—Driven from his Santa Rosa home by vigilantes last summer, Edward B. Wolff has appealed to State Attorney General U. S. Webb for action against the terrorists so that he can go home without fear of again being beaten up.

Sonoma County officials have stalled on the job of prosecuting the vigilantes.

"Unless some action is taken," declared Wolff, "the crime of these men will be outlawed by the statute of limitations by September, and I shall never be able to return to Santa Rosa in safety. I can give Webb all the necessary names. I know every one of the ring-leaders."

"I am not a Communist, but I was attacked by the mob because I knew too much about activities of the vigilantes."

Wolff stated he had been unemployed since coming to San Francisco, and has had to move several times to protect his wife and himself.

Vigilantes Menace Striking Pickers In Orange Groves

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From work he provided free of charge by the employer, and that the employer will furnish equipment for the individual laborer, with preference to local workers.

FILIPINOS JOIN PICKETS
Pickers reported for work yesterday as usual, according to officials of the Mutual Orange Distributors, but refused to go out to the fields.

Spiking reports current that Filipinos were being used as scabs, a statement made today at strike headquarters declared that many Filipinos were out on the picket line.

Orange County growers are stubborn in their refusal to meet the demands of the pickers, insisting that they should be satisfied with what they now receive.

The strikers assert that under the present regulated system of packing and distribution the growers will receive more for their 1936 pack than for many years past. They also maintain that drastic cuts in the wages paid to workers over the past few years have brought to them a condition of impoverishment.

It is their contention that the bankers are in actual control of the operation of orange groves, pointing out that in 1930 more than 60 per cent of the orange property in Orange county was mortgaged to the extent of \$631 per acre. Since then the grasp of the bankers has not been materially lessened.

Officials of the large packing houses, they declare, houses that are also banker controlled, receive from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year in salaries, while the majority of the pickers work only during the season, and are forced on the relief rolls for the balance of the year.

CONDITIONS UNBEARABLE
The strikers complain that working conditions are becoming increasingly more difficult and unbearable. Wages have been cut from 8 1/2 cents per box to 5 or 5 1/2 cents. They can no longer maintain themselves, with a decrease of 50 per cent in their average weekly wage.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion have met jointly to discuss methods "to free Santa Ana of the taint of radicalism." They were present on the picket lines today, armed with pick handles and clubs.

FEDERAL THREATS
Strikers were further intimidated by the presence of Chief Franklin Davis of the U. S. Immigration and Board of Patrol service. In a statement yesterday Davis said that under the nation's "so-called anarchist laws" any alien "who believes in or advocates sabotage or unlawful destruction of property is subject to deportation." He said that many of those striking and threatening to strike are of foreign birth and aliens and therefore under the law as such are subject to deportation.

SOVIET UNION DESIGNS NEW CONSTITUTION

Five-Month Public Discussion Period Will Be Allowed Before Adoption

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1. Universal, direct and secret ballot, from age of 18, with franchise and the right to hold office granted even to those formerly disenfranchised because of social origin.

2. The right to declare war is abolished. The highest organs of government may declare a state of war to exist only if the country is subjected to military attack.

3. The individual citizen is endowed with a "bill of rights," which includes the right to a job and income in accordance with the amount and quality of one's work; to leisure, based on the 7-hour day and yearly paid vacations; to old age, sickness and disability insurance; to free schooling in one's native language; to equal rights regardless of sex, nationality or race in all spheres of economic, governmental, cultural and political life.

4. Granting special privileges because of race or nationality or preaching race hatred is punishable by law.

5. Freedom of conscience is guaranteed.

6. The right of asylum is guaranteed for citizens of other countries persecuted for defending the interests of workers, taking part in national liberation struggles or in scientific activities.

7. Every deputy is required to report to his electorate and may be recalled at any time by a majority vote.

The political foundations of the Soviet state are declared to be Soviets of the toilers. The economic foundations are social ownership of the means of production resultant on the abolition of capitalism and private ownership of the means of production. Personal ownership of income derived from labor and savings and of household and personal effects is protected.

The highest organ of government is the Supreme Soviet of the U. S. S. R., consisting of two chambers: the All-Union Soviet, elected by general, equal, direct and secret ballot on the basis of one deputy to 500,000 population; and the Soviet of Nationalities, consisting of 10 deputies from each federal republic, five from each autonomous republic and two from each autonomous district. Each chamber has equal rights.

The Supreme Soviet is elected for four years, chooses a presidium to function between sessions, and picks the Council of People's Commissars (cabinet).

Judges of people's courts are elected by popular vote and of higher courts by the respective Soviets. Federal republics are increased to 11: Russian, White Russian, Turkmenian, Uzbekian, Tajik, Kazakistani, Kirghizian, Azerbaijanian, Georgian, Armenian, and Ukrainian.

METHODS OF C. S. CIRCULATION EXPLAINED BY WORKERS IN DRIVE

LOS ANGELES.—"I challenge California!"

Mike Shantzek, who turned in the first two Criminal Syndicalism Act repeal petitions to be filled in Los Angeles County, asks for some real competition in the signature drive here as he circulated his sixth petition. This star circulator is a member of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

Mrs. Zena Hoffman filled three petitions in two days.

"Tell my fellow signature collectors," she said, "that it is very easy to obtain signatures on the streets. I find the best spots are near department stores, markets, and pool rooms. Several people have come to me saying: 'Here, I'll sign it—I've been looking for a petition.'"

"I don't intend to stop until there are enough signatures to put repeal of this vicious law on the ballot. I'd rather collect signatures to repeal such a fascist anti-labor law than live under fascism."

L. Dickson, P. W. U. member, brought in two filled petitions, and took two more.

"I got these signatures on the WPA project where I work," he said. "You sure can collect 'em on the projects!"

OCEAN PARK, Cal., June 10.—Senator Frank Arbutle, western regional director of the Townsend old-age pension movement, was endorsed as Congressional candidate in the 16th District by 2000 Townsends meeting at the Civic Auditorium here yesterday.

Communist Party candidate in this district is J. Thorne, secretary of the Los Angeles Section of the C. P.

DATE SET FOR CONVENTION OF CALIF. LABOR

State Federation Will Meet in Eureka on Sept. 14; More Vice Presidents to Be Selected

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—The date for the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor was set for Sept. 14, by a session of the federation's executive council held here Sunday. The state convention will take place at Eureka.

The state federation decided to add five new vice-presidents, to be selected from the brewery workers, the longshoremen, and other crafts to be given additional representation.

Since selection of the five new vice-presidents was put in the hands of reactionary Secretary Edward Vandeleur, it is not to be expected that men popular with the rank and file of their unions will be chosen.

The executive council reviewed the June 8 California Conference of Agricultural Workers held in Stockton, and endorsed the decisions of the conference.

Secretary Shelvin of the Packing House and Vegetable Workers' Union at Salinas appeared before the executive council to protest against state federation support to the newly formed Federation of Agricultural, Cannery and Packing Workers, which grew out of the Stockton Conference.

The council was reported to have taken no action in the proposal of Vice-president Cowan of San Francisco for an agricultural union of field workers, excluding shed workers.

There was discussion on industrial vs. craft unionism, but no action was taken.

Wagner Labor Act Voided by Court

EL PASO, TEX.—The Wagner Labor Relations Act was declared unconstitutional on Wednesday by Federal Judge Boynton here, Boynton, in granting an injunction to the El Paso Electric Co. against the National Labor Relations Board, declared that Congress had "exceeded its powers" in passing the Act.

The injunction was granted to prevent the Board from further investigating union complaints of violation of workers' rights by the power company, against which a strike has been going on.

The decision was based mainly on the U. S. Supreme Court's outlawing of the Guffey Coal Act. It is considered probable that the U. S. Supreme Court will utilize the Texas decision in nullifying the Wagner Labor Relations Act, because it contains some concessions to labor in collective bargaining.

'WELFARE' SUPERVISORS FEAR COMMUNIST DEMANDS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Although the police graft "investigation" continues to be sabotaged by city officials, and the Board of Supervisors persists in refusing to exercise its right to investigate the graft situation at open hearings, the Welfare Committee of the board adjourned here Friday when confronted by a committee from the Communist Party.

Supervisor Adolph Uhl adjourned the committee on the flimsy excuse that one member, Brown was late.

Lawrence Ross and Anita Whitney, Communist candidates for Congress in the 4th and 5th Congressional Districts here, attended the committee to present demands of the Communist Party for an open and above-board investigation of the graft-ridden police department.

Another Communist Party committee will present the demands at the meeting of the Welfare Committee next Friday at 9 a. m. Workers are urged to assemble at City Hall to present demands for action at this meeting.

Meanwhile, Chief Quinn's cover-up move in organizing a "vice squad" to replace the old "special duty men" was mildly objected to by Theodore Roche, president of the Police Commission, who stated his reason as the fact that "the name 'vice squad' is in ill repute."

Today the Board of Supervisors convened for its weekly meeting but made it a "short session" and took up only routine matters, without even coming close to the very odorous police graft situation.

Jobless Follow WPA Program in Reorganization
LOS ANGELES, June 12.—In accordance with the program of the Workers' Alliance of America, united jobless organization, The Public Works and Unemployed Union this week announced a plan to reorganize completely.

Main objective of the P. W. U. reorganization is to incorporate the five-point program of the W. A. A.—the Frazier-Lundeen Social Insurance Bill, Marcantonio Relief and Works Standards Bill, American Youth Act, Workers' Rights Amendment and the 30-hour week.

To unify activity of the P. W. U., a labor relations committee established by WPA will be strongly campaigned for. Structure of the proposed committee includes members of the Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council, Interprofessional Association, and the P. W. U. U.

Function of the committee will be to investigate and make recommendations on grievances, and to discuss and make recommendations of policy concerning WPA labor relations.

Seamen March to Fight Fink Books

NEW YORK.—One hundred rank and file members of the International Seamen's Union were marching on Washington Tuesday, June 16, to oppose the Cope-land Bill, requiring seamen to carry a continuous discharge book. The march is led by Jos. Curran, leader of the recent rank and file strike of over 4000 East Coast seamen.

The continuous discharge book system could be used as an effective blacklisting method by the shipowners.

Mobilize For Drive
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An affair, with the proceeds going to repeal the C. S. law will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at 3617 Rambos Drive. There will be dancing, entertainment, and a late supper. Admission will be 50 cents, including everything.

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Relief Won for East Bay Strikers

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plant superintendent complained to him that "it costs me from \$20 to \$25 a month for booze to keep in good with Capt. Brown and the top officials of the state highway patrol." Capt. Brown was seen the other day to drive into the Young plant, put several new springs into his car, and take them away.

A wide demand is being made for Brown's dismissal.

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CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM ACT ATTACKED BY TOWNSENDITES

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—The 17th Congressional District Convention of the Townsend Clubs made history in the old-age pension movement here yesterday when it went on record opposing the Criminal Syndicalism Act and "any other legislation which, under false names or fictitious reasons, prevents the right of citizens to free speech and assemblage."

This was the first time for any sizeable group of Townsendites to take a stand against this anti-labor statute in California.

The more than 1000 delegates and sympathizers, representing 52 Townsend Clubs, unanimously endorsed the resolution. The convention assembled at the Bret Harte School.

The resolution follows:

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees to every one freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom to petition the government for redress of grievances, and

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, said, "I am against all violations of the constitution to silence by force and not by reason the complaints of criticism, just or unjust, of our citizens against their agents," and

Whereas, the Criminal Syndicalism law is used to violate, in fact was written in such a way so that it can be deliberately used, to violate the constitutional rights of labor to strike and picket and to silence by force and violence any complaints of underpaid workers as well as to prevent them from organizing for mutual protection, and

Whereas, the Bell Investigating Committee has shown us how our supposed representatives will turn on any man who seeks to help the great mass of American citizenry, by showing their loyalty to the vested interests and not to the electorate, and

Whereas, the Criminal Syndicalism law can be used to silence our Townsend speakers as well as others and even to close up our meetings when the "house of hate" so demands, and

Whereas, reading the Declaration of Independence in the state of California, under the Criminal Syndicalism law is a technical felony punishable with from 1 to 14 years in the penitentiary and

Whereas, the enemies of the Townsend plan are becoming so desperate that the technical violation of the law is sufficient grounds for persecuting any Townsend members, as the Bell Committee did Dr. Townsend, carrying the persecution as far as imprisonment, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that this convention go on record as opposing the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and any other legislation which, under false names or fictitious reasons, prevents the right of citizens to free speech and assembly, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State headquarters for reference to other congressional and district conventions.

FORCE WORKER ONTO WPA JOB ALTHOUGH SICK

By A Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—A WPA doctor at 83 First street is forcing sick workers to go to work on WPA projects after a short once-over examination. On SRA the workers used to get medical attention to a certain degree, but now we are forced to go to work though we are sick.

This doctor also said "You foreigners come over to this country and we have to spend money on you." This country has all nations represented, so why should we be discriminated against unless they want to force us off all relief and let us starve?

I have varicose veins on my knee, and was being given treatment under the SRA, but now I am forced to go to work on WPA without any medical attention at all.

BUILD NEW CRUISER

VALLEJO, Cal., June 16.—More war preparations will be launched here at the Mare Island Navy Yard July 1st, when preparation of plans and specifications begin on the new cruiser drydock to be constructed at a cost of \$3,000,000.

New roadways for military purposes are also being constructed by about 1529 WPA workers, as well as removal of grass near the north end of the island.

Meeting Protests Brazilian Terror

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. Edna Hill, mother of Victor Barron, who was murdered in Brazil by fascists cooperating with American consular officials, will speak on the stool-pigeon role played by Postmaster McCarthy of San Francisco and Postmaster Samuel of Alameda at a mass meeting here Wednesday night, June 16th, at 68 Haight street.

Leo Gallagher, famed labor attorney, now acting for Mrs. Hill, will speak for a broad campaign to free Luis Prestes, leader of the Brazilian masses, from the fascist prisons in Brazil, and to free Arthur Ewart, refugee from Nazi terror and former Communist member of the Reichstag, from threatened deportation to Germany.

The International Labor Defense is sponsoring the meeting.

Delegates Ratify Emma Cutler for Anti-Kramer Race

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—Emma Cutler, candidate for Congress in the 13th District, and Herbert Elstein, candidate for assemblyman in the 52nd District were enthusiastically endorsed by more than 50 delegates to the Communist ratification conference held here last night at Angelus Hall, in the Boyle Heights area.

Miss Cutler lashed the incumbent candidate, Charles Kramer for his vicious, anti-labor stand as witnessed in the proposed Kramer Sedition Bill, and pointed to his tie-up with big business in California.

"This Hearst hiring is even now furthering the imperialistic designs of his rich bosses by trying to advance the purchase of Lower California from the Mexican government," she stated.

"Kramer is a 'silent partner' in Zukin's Dress Shop, which is not only the largest of its kind in Los Angeles, but which also hires none but scab labor."

Elstein denounced discrimination against youth on relief and the relentless exploitation of the younger generation, dwelling at length on the merits of the National Youth Act.

"The voting age should be placed at 18," he stated. "Those who are old enough to work should be old enough to vote."

Eva Shafran, acting organizer of the Los Angeles County Committee of the Communist Party, stressed the importance of defeating Kramer at the primaries. She urged all registered Democrats to support Parley Parker Christensen, Epic candidate, in the primaries.

Million Wage Raise For 11,000 Workers

PORTLAND, Ore.—Eleven thousand workers in 28 major paper mills in the Northwest will receive wage increases totalling nearly \$1,000,000 during the next year, under an agreement signed with the union by the employers.

Effective until May 31, 1937, the new agreement calls for 5 cents an hour more for male employees and 2 cents an hour increase for female employees.

The militant struggles of the employees of the big lumber companies are responsible for these gains.

Closed Shop Won by Bldg. Trades Unions

By A Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—A few months ago in the building trades we saw the most unfair conditions regarding wages and hours and the hiring system. It has completely changed now. The contractors can not get in line fast enough to sign up for 100 percent union higher wages and closed shop.

But it took a good militant picket line of about 30 or 35 men combined from all the different craft unions in the building trades. The boys are learning fast that an injury to one is an injury to all, and so they all walk off the jobs together. Solidarity and job action never fail.

Support the peace policy of the Soviet Union! Defend the Soviet Union—the land of Socialism!

FUNDS NEEDED FOR RADIO AND ELECTION FEES

\$2900 Needed for Successful
Launching of Communist
Campaign in 1936
Elections

With the growing threat of fascism, as evidenced by the Republican national convention, the State Campaign Committee of the Communist Party calls for increased activity in pushing the election campaigns of the various Communist candidates and in raising funds to insure a successful campaign.

In addition to a radio fund of \$1000, for the purpose of statewide broadcasts and local broadcasts, the State Campaign Committee urgently needs \$1900 for filing fees for candidates.

Twenty-five assemblymen candidates require \$500 in filing fees in order to get on the ballot. The 14 Congressional candidates must pay \$100 fee each, or a total of \$1400.

FINNS RESPOND

Largest contribution to date was received last week from the Finnish Federation of California, a donation of \$50. Other contributions were \$5 from H. B. Pasadena, and \$2 from R. T. Sonoma County.

Total contributions total \$107.25, including \$50.25 previously received.

"We must have more funds immediately if we are to carry on a successful campaign," declared George Maurer, secretary of the campaign committee.

"Communist Party units and fractions should hold benefit parties and circulate collection lists for this purpose."

LANGUAGE GROUPS

"We want to appeal particularly to the working-class language groups, such as the Jewish branches of the International Workers' Order, Greek Workers' Club, Jugo Slav and Swedish clubs, to follow the excellent example of the Finnish Federation."

"All trade unionists, unemployed, oppressed middle class, farmers, and agricultural workers should feel that the election campaign of the Communist Party is their campaign as well, and that a successful campaign for our Communist candidates will mean great strides toward building the United People's Front, a Farmer-Labor Party."

All contributions should be brought in or mailed to Anita Whitney, treasurer of the State Campaign Committee, 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

C.S. Repeal Drive Pushed Over Radio

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—Mobilizing masses of people for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, prominent liberals and progressives are broadcasting every Tuesday, 1:45 to 2 p.m., over station KMPC.

Speaking last Tuesday, Rev. A. A. Heist, pastor of Woodcrest Community Church, and executive secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern California, stated:

"What Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen should see most clearly is that both in text and administration this law is a piece of class legislation so unfair that it eats like a termite into the very foundations of our democracy."

He quoted a deputy sheriff as saying, "If you repeal the C. S. Law, we are sunk. You can't get these labor agitators any other way. Everybody knows this, don't break our regular laws, but you've got to shut them up somehow!"

MORE WPA FUNDS

LOS ANGELES, June 9.—Final approval was awaited today of a million dollar allocation of WPA funds to California to prevent temporary suspension of local projects. The money will be divided between Los Angeles county and the rest of the state, with \$500,000 going to the county WPA to continue the program until June 21.

Party Candidate Issues Challenge For C.S. Campaign

Greetings:

To all Communist candidates for office from Emma Cutler, Communist candidate in the 13th Congressional District:

At the California convention of our Party, it was resolved not to let the convention break up merely having passed resolutions, but for the delegates to depart with the spirit that out of our convention will arise a real effort to fulfill the aim and purpose for which we were assembled, and that we inject into our work some personal enthusiasm.

Now, in the spirit and tone of socialist competition, I wish to extend to all Communist candidates the following comradesly challenge:

To head organization of groups, committees and delegations at shop gates, in agricultural fields, and union halls for the purpose of securing signatures for the repeal of the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Law in the respective candidates' district.

This contest should start immediately and close the middle of July. Only such signatures will be counted as are submitted from committees and groups led by candidates. Only other stipulation is that any candidate participating must agree that a minimum goal be accepted as 500.

Believing the task of repealing the C. S. Law to be a fundamental responsibility of the Communist Party, I urge all candidates to expend every possible effort in that purpose.

Comradely yours,
EMMA CUTLER.

'Scab Or Starve' Policy Is Fought

LOS ANGELES, June 12.—Determined resistance to the "scab or starve" policy of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration, will be crystallized by a County Agricultural Conference here on June 24th at 2 p.m. The Public Works and Unemployed Union is taking the initiative in calling the conference.

Minimum wage scale of 40 cents an hour for all agricultural workers, is proposed as a central fighting point for the conference, which will include five delegates from locals and WPA projects.

Another point will be to oppose use of skilled workers in the field. It is planned that any PWU member accepting agricultural work will obtain PWU withdrawal cards, in order to affiliate with the Agricultural Workers' Union.

Information on the conference may be obtained at PWU offices, 257 South Spring street, Room 307, Los Angeles.

Mayor Responsible For Spread of Vice, Charges Army Head

LOS ANGELES.—Mayor Frank L. Shaw has been charged with full responsibility for the rapid spread of gambling and prostitution, in a letter from Col. R. A. Bringham, head of the Santa Fe Soldiers' Home, to the City Council, charging vice is flourishing near the home.

Bringham demanded police action before the veterans receive their bonus money.

Mayor Shaw passed the buck to the police commission and the chief of police.

Councilman Hyde charged that prostitution and gambling were being conducted under a system amounting to legalized licensing, stating the average fine of a prostitute was \$5 or \$6, some having been arrested as many as 65 times.

"Average fine of gambler is around \$15," he said, "a system of licensing, also."

\$37.68 Scale for S.F. Bakers in Contract

SAN FRANCISCO.—A wage scale of \$37.68 for a six day week, with a six hour day, is provided in the new agreement drafted between bakery employers and Bakers Union Local 24. Representatives of 525 bakers here and in Oakland negotiated with employers. The new schedule is to run until May 1, 1937.

FASCIST PROGRAM LAUNCHED THROUGH LIBERTY LEAGUE'S PROGRAM IN 1936 PLATFORM OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

A full-blown fascist program, reminiscent of Hitler's infamous "32 Points," has been launched upon the nation by the Republican National Convention, which last week nominated "Hearstman" Alf Landon for the presidency and Frank Knox for the vice presidency.

The campaign platform adopted reeks with fascist demagoguery designed to appeal to workers, farmers, unemployed, and even—the height of fascist trickery—to the oppressed Negro people and other racial minorities.

But, plain as the bulbous nose on "Dirty Willie" Hearst's face, is the alignment of the most reactionary, fascist-minded elements of finance capital, seeking to hide murderous plans against the American toilers behind this painted mask of demagoguery.

The Liberty Leaguers wrote:

"The platform. The Rockefeller interests helped, through B. M. Anderson, of the Chase National Bank. The Morgan and Du Pont interests were represented in the platform caucuses by Ogden L. Mills, secretary of the treasury under Hoover, and acknowledged Wall Street representative at the convention. W. B. Bell, of American Cyanamid Company, and reputed 'angel' of Landon's campaign, stuck his snout into the platform's brewing."

"Lackey" Landon is not only a Hearstman; he is also a Standard Oil man, and himself has become rich from oil. Last November 27th, former Senator Smith W. Brookhart stated as much, as follows:

"Landon got rich in oil. His tax relief has been for the big fellows and not the little fellows. I'll be able later to produce positive evidence he is being supported for the presidency by the Standard Oil companies."

And what "Hitler promises" did the platform not contain? The brazen demagoguery of these would-be "fuhrers" is best shown in the section devoted to labor, promising things they never intend to deliver.

FASCIST TRICKERY

"The welfare of labor rests upon increased production and the prevention of exploitation. We pledge ourselves to: 'Protect the right of labor to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of its own choosing without interference from any source.'"

"Prevent governmental job holders from exercising autocratic powers over labor."

"Support the adoption of state laws and interstate compacts to abolish sweat shops and child labor, and to protect women and children with respect to maximum hours, minimum wages and working conditions. We believe that this can be done within the Constitution as it now stands."

EVEN AS HITLER

Hitler "promised" almost identical things, but behind him were the Thyssens, the Krupps, the Leuna Chemical Works, and the other vicious exploiters of labor; just as behind Landon are today the Morgans, the Rockefellers, Standard Oil, U. S. Steel Corporation, etc. The "promises" made for and by Landon amount to no more than those of Hitler and Mussolini. The American workers can expect the same terror and oppression as befell their European brothers if Landon is elected.

Actually what the Republicans are seeking to do, and will do if they get the opportunity, is to smash the American Federation of Labor and to attempt to crush the growing revolutionary movement of the toiling masses. As labor leaders correctly interpreted, the three words on the tail of the collective bargaining clause, providing for this right without interference "from any source," mean exactly the legalizing of company unions and the smashing of any labor group that "interferes" with these "unions."

It is revealing that, in the hearings on the Wagner Labor Act, the National Association of Manufacturers repeatedly demanded that these three words—"from any source"—be added to the act, which forbade interference by employers.

The "autocratic powers over labor" referred to, mean that the right of workers to "make contracts" with their bosses shall not be interfered with, that the workers shall be able to "drive a bargain" in offering their labor power to the employers!

As to the protection of women and children from exploitation, Landon announced in his telegram to the convention that he would support such an amendment "IF NECESSARY!"

The platform states that the protection of women and children "can be done within the Constitution as it now stands." Yet the Liberty League-dominated Supreme Court voided even

New York's inadequate minimum wage laws for these horribly exploited groups!

But turning to the section on "re-employment," we find the fangs of the fascists bared, ready to sink into the flesh of the toilers. Attacking the New Deal's restriction on production, they advocate:

TEETH OF REACTION

"Encouraged instead of hindrance to legitimate business."

"Withdrawal of government from competition with private payrolls."

"Elimination of unnecessary and hampering regulations."

"Adoption of such other policies as will furnish a chance for individual enterprise, industrial expansion and the restoration of jobs."

In other words, say Hearst, Standard Oil, Morgan and Rockefeller: "Eliminate all restrictions—including trade unions—to the complete, wholesale exploitation of the toilers!"

What the jobless may expect from the Republican-Liberty Leaguers, is seen in their provisions for "relief," which will transfer responsibility from the federal government back to "non-political local agencies familiar with community problems."

This means that "garbage basket relief" will become national. As to financing of relief, say these fascists, there shall be "fair portion to be provided from revenues of states and local governments."

Another vicious clause, which means that relief agencies shall become scab-herders for the purpose of breaking strikes, reads: "Adequate provision to be made for the encouragement of those persons who are trying to become self-supporting."

PENSION LURE

The demagoguery extends to the Townsendites, whom they are trying to ensnare into the fascist pitfall by advocating that "every American citizen over 65 should receive the supplementary payment necessary to provide a minimum income sufficient to protect him or her from want."

Setting aside the fact that this "pension plan" is but Hitler-type demagoguery, the Republicans state that they want to finance any pension system "from the proceeds of a direct tax widely distributed. All will be benefited and all should contribute."

A direct tax "widely distributed" among the toilers who can not afford to be taxed "widely" if they are to maintain life!

The platform tells the farmers that the Republicans are opposed to the New Deal soil conservation program, the ploughing under of crops, etc., and then contradicts this stand by stating that they favor "protection and restoration of the land resources, designed to bring about such a balance between soil building and soil depleting crops as will permanently insure productivity."

TAX ON TOILERS

The section on "finance" also reveals the extent to which the Republicans want to go in placing the entire burden of the crisis on the toilers. They want to "balance the Budget," but at the expense of the toilers, as stated in the clause to "revise the Federal tax system and co-ordinate it with state and local tax systems," and in the clause to "use the taxing power for raising revenue and not for punitive political purposes."

In other words they want to cut down the present income taxes in the higher brackets, and to impose a sales tax throughout the nation "for raising revenue."

While tacitly approving the war preparations program of the Roosevelt administration, these fascist warmakers demagogically come out with a pledge "to promote and maintain peace!"

Bill of Rights!

In all the history of this country, there has never been such a viciously reactionary, fascist program launched upon the people. This platform represents another dangerous move of the capitalist oppressors toward complete fascist dictatorship and suppression of the working class movement, in order to maintain profits, to drive toward a new world slaughter for still greater profits, to place the entire burden of the capitalist crisis on the toilers.

Against this grave danger, the forces of the working class must gather and unite at once!

GREEN AIDS FASCISTS

Particularly nauseating, therefore, was the role played by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, at this convention of antiworker hatred and American Fascism. Instead of attacking the Liberty-League-Hearst tools in the Republican machine, their ruthless attack on labor, Green crawled on his belly and even made a bid for their applause in demanding withdrawal of recognition of the Soviet Union, and in calling for deportation of "radical aliens." He received the applause of these fascists.

Violating the specific instructions of the last A. F. of L. convention, Green sabotaged the clear-cut demand for a 30-hour week with no reduction in pay and only spoke vaguely of "shorter hours." And the A. F. of L. demand for action to curb the Supreme Court, he likewise murdered by suggesting a "phony" about a required two-thirds majority.

Green showed beyond a shadow of a doubt that the "non-partisan" attitude of the reactionary executive council of the A. F. of L. toward politics, is nothing less than taking sides with the worst enemies of the workers, who called in this Republican convention for the crushing of the trade unions!

The oppressed working people of America must not draw the conclusion that Roosevelt should be supported, as against these open fascists. On the contrary, they must realize that Roosevelt is no barrier to the terrorist designs of the Republicans, that he has steadily given way to most of their demands upon him without making any fight whatsoever. The President merely represents that section of finance capital which does not YET want to clamp a fascist dictatorship down on the American people.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY

What the working people of America must realize is that, if we are to fight off the fascist threat of the Republicans, we must forge a mighty United People's Front without delay in the form of a Farmer-Labor Party. Although it is too late to present a national Farmer-Labor ticket, we can and must build such a genuine people's party on a state and local scale at once.

In California, at the present time, we cannot build a State Farmer-Labor Party before the elections, but we can unite our forces to elect individuals who will fight for a Farmer-Labor Party and who will carry out a program similar to that which a Farmer-Labor Party would advocate.

Where such united tickets cannot be obtained, the toilers of California have but one choice: They must support the campaign of the Communist Party, which is in the forefront of the struggle against reaction and for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. Our Communist candidates are pledged to fight for such a party, and for the day-to-day needs of the toilers at all times.

REGISTER COMMUNIST OR CHANGE YOUR REGISTRATION TO COMMUNIST WITHOUT DELAY! JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY! FOR A UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT AGAINST HUNGER, WAR AND REACTION!

Answer the Growers With a Business-Like Organization Drive

What's the answer?

In San Jose the big growers' vigilantes burn fiery crosses for two successive days as a warning to the agricultural workers who begin work soon on the apricot crop, to get any ideas about decent wages out of their minds.

Walter E. Garrison, president of the Associated Farmers of California, big shot in the State Chamber of Commerce, attacks the recent Stockton Agricultural Workers' Conference as "dominated by known Communists and agitators," and calls the proposed \$3 a day minimum wage "virtual confiscation of the farms of California." The big growers will never pay it, says Garrison.

Is the answer that proposed by Ed. Vandeleur, reactionary secretary of the State Federation of Labor, who warned the agricultural workers against any militant struggle for their demands?

Is the answer that of the nice, sweet-spoken ladies who told the Stockton conference of the need for further "research and investigation" of agricultural labor conditions, when it's as plain as the nose on your face that the conditions of the California agricultural workers are the worst in America?

Is the answer a vague program of organization, as announced by the Conference sponsors, which does not make the A. F. of L. definitely responsible for the campaign, which talks vaguely of international charters and national conventions, but does not get down to earth as far as an immediate organization campaign is concerned?

Or is the answer, as all progressive elements must see it really is, that an immediate organization drive be begun; that definite concentration points be picked—as in cotton and beets—to begin the campaign; that a state committee be set up, in addition to the Council already decided on, upon which all Central Labor Councils would be represented, and which would be the main organizing committee, with which the State Federation would have to work closely.

Why the French Workers Won Out

Before Germany was crucified on the Nazi swastika, the Socialists believed that all they had to organize to protect and further their interests, was votes and public sentiment. And that's all they did organize.

The capitalists organized the armed strength of reaction and Hitler rode into Power by the authority of might. Votes and sentiments didn't mean a damn to him. And the vast wall of opinion reared by the German Socialists proved as effective as the voice of a man shouting down the muzzle of a cannon.

The Communists believed in organizing more than votes. They believed in organizing people. They believed in organizing the strength and brains of the people into practical, disciplined, militant organizations, capable of defending their interests.

The Socialists called the Communists "rough-necks" and refused to unite with them in defense of their common interests.

The cost was paid in the terrible currency of bloodshed and suffering.

The French Socialists learned something from the lesson.

The French Socialists united with

the Communists on a common program. They got out in the streets and joined hands in mighty demonstrations.

Neither party sacrificed the integrity of its principles.

Neither party compromised.

They merely united on those points over which they had no difference of opinion.

When the People's Front government headed by Blum took office, one million workers in France struck and won their demands. They knew that the new government was favorable to their interests. But they also knew that it was their own organized power and nothing else that could realize the gains won at the polls.

The French workers won out because they organized, not merely votes, but the practical strength of the people.

Hitler waded to power through a litter of paper ballots which he trampled beneath the hob-nailed boots of fascism.

French fascism finds that to reach power it must wade through a sea of clenched fists. And it can't do that.

The Poor Farmer As an Ally of Organized Labor

Arguments at the Maritime Federation convention which were instrumental in defeating the resolution of support for even local Farmer-Labor Parties certainly need answering.

One of the typical syndicalist arguments—that political action by organized labor lessens its vigilance on the economic field—was dealt with in the last issue of the Western Worker.

Another argument made at the convention against the Farmer-Labor Party opposed an alliance with the farmers' (Farmer-Labor advocates refer to the poor and middle farmers) because, as it was put, "The farmer is a natural-born vigilante."

Delegate Brost of the Portland I. L. A. recalled to the convention the aid given by the farmers to the 1934 strike. The poor farmers used to bring in truckload after truckload of food to the Pennsylvania and Kentucky mine strikers. In most of the industrial areas of the country the poor farmers either have to work part of the year in the factories, or their children work in the textile mills, coal mines, shirt plants, and steel mills. The bond between the poor farmers and the industrial workers is a strong one in those areas where America's heaviest industry is concentrated.

There was a time when the farmer—and we don't mean the rich ranch or plantation owner, who is no farmer—had illusions about the capitalist system, and about his place in society. But the great anti-mortgage and anti-eviction struggles of the farmers in recent years, the long series of milk strikes show that the farmers have come more and more to realize that their enemy is the same enemy who exploits the workers—the big financial and industrial interests.

Organized labor's job is not to antagonize those farmers who still have illusions about capitalism, to thrust them away so that they can be duck-soup for fascist demagogues. Organized labor is naturally equipped to educate the farmers in methods of struggle for immediate needs; the farmers who have suffered so much at the hands of finance capital will be found to be eager and militant allies of organized labor.

The farmer has changed a lot in recent years, just as have millions of workers who for the first time see the need of organized labor protection, and just as millions in the ranks of the hard-hit lower middle class have changed.

Two Who Led In Founding World's Most Democratic Government



A rare picture of V. I. Lenin (left) and Joseph Stalin, taken in 1922 not long before Lenin's death. They were sitting on the porch of a country estate not far from Moscow.

OPEN LETTER FROM A COMMUNIST TO THE POPE

His Holiness, Pope Pius XI,

The Vatican, Rome, Italy.

Your Holiness, Pope Pius XI.

From the press reports of your discourse delivered at the inauguration of the World Catholic Press exposition on May 12th, 1936, and again on the occasion of your special birthday mass on May 31st, we see that you have warned the peoples of the world against what you describe as the "Godlessness" of Communism and its threat against the family, the Church and the State. We are compelled to state that you have given a most inaccurate picture of Communism. Your views have been front-paged by every newspaper owned by those who enrich themselves by the exploitation of the millions who suffer in an unceasing struggle for the bare necessities of life. We feel called upon to correct your picture of Communism for the benefit of those millions to whose interests our movement is dedicated.

In reply to the charge of "Godlessness" we assert with all the evidence of the experience of the millions of underpaid and unemployed toilers of the world that the "Godlessness" is all on the side of the capitalist system. Extreme wealth of a few and extreme poverty of millions is a fruitful source of "Godlessness." These extremes could not exist under Communism.

"GODLESSNESS" UNDER CAPITALISM

In every capitalist country today we find that the most "Godless" conditions exist; conditions which have their origin in the capitalist system. Millions are in want, living in cheerless homes, shabbily dressed, poorly fed, unable to afford an education and deprived even of their meagre amusements. At the same time food is destroyed and production curtailed so that the greedy rich may live in super-luxurious luxury. Prostitution, it has been proved, increases with every depression. Underpaid women and unemployed women are driven to sell their bodies to stave off starvation. Many of the class who underpay these women and deprive them of employment use their ill-gotten profits to maintain love-nests and live in Godless righteousness.

Millions of children go undernourished and uneducated in order to swell the dividends of the idle rich. Driven to desperation by unemployment or loss of business, thousands have committed suicide. Mothers have in no few instances taken the lives of their children rather than see them suffer. Tens of thousands of homeless, ragged, wretched men and women sleep in hallways and waiting rooms in our cities. For merely demanding a living wage, workers are beaten and killed by police and hired thugs. Here in America, Negroes are segregated, looked down on, lynched—all to the purpose of fostering disunity to safeguard the profits of the ruling class. Men and women are paid lavishly to play the role of spy and scab on their fellow men.

The manly, spirited worker is ejected and replaced by the bootlicker and thus

manhood and character are crushed and effaced. Corrupt politicians are in league with murderers, gangsters, white slavers and Fascists like the Black Legion who shriek hatred for the Catholic, the Jew, the Negro, the Union workers and the Communist. They stop not even at murder.

MONSTROUS EVIL OF WAR

Should not all religious people call this "Godlessness." Communism aims to abolish these evils from the face of the earth. Communism aims to establish a system of society where all may work and enjoy the fruits of their labor, a society in which poverty, ignorance and misery with its accompanying crime and degradation cannot exist.

But all these evils described above are petty against the most monstrous of all the evils bred by capitalism—WAR. War with all its brood of horrors—torn flesh and bleeding wounds, rotting corpses of cheated youth, smoking homes, ravished women, gray-haired people weeping and pale with fear and hunger. And all this so that gluttonous creatures of the William Randolph Hearst type may maintain their love-nests!

We Communists opposed the last world war because we knew it to be a senseless spilling of human blood so that financier and industrialist might indulge their inhuman lust for profits. And we saw with horror and dismay the priests who claim they represent a loving God actually blessing the guns and battleships of the imperialists on BOTH sides. Were we right or were they? What is the verdict today?

During that orgy of slaughter for profit's sake we saw Ireland, a small nation noted for the loyalty it has to Rome, rise in revolt against the British empire. We saw with amazement the Catholic priests refuse the Irish fighting men the sacraments. Nothing can explain this away. It is no wonder that the liberty-loving Irish people are turning toward us and joining our ranks.

WHY NOT RAISE YOUR VOICE?

We have seen your fellow countrymen, the war mongering Mussolini, send legions of Italian Catholic youth into the homeland of other Christians, the peaceful Ethiopian people, to slaughter them with bomb and bullet and rape them of their liberty so that the rich and powerful of Italy may continue to ride on the backs of the deceived Italian masses. Why have you not denounced this "Godlessness"?

History is studded with the false leadership the clerics have given the masses. In our own day, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, regarded by many as your spokesman in America, is leading millions of good, honest workers away from unity with other workers. Time and again he has asserted that his object is to preserve this cruel, dog-eat-dog Capitalist system. He even opposes the formation of a workers and farmers' independent political party lest such might lead to control of Congress by the millions of suffering toilers. The unfortunate people who believe in him are un-

aware that both Hitler and Mussolini spoke exactly as he does.

THOSE WHO FIGHT

In our fight against the intolerable conditions of capitalism our comrades are jeered and mocked at, beaten and maimed, imprisoned and placed before the firing squad. This is nothing new in history. New ideas have always met with opposition for a time, even from those who are to benefit from them. The early Christians were harried and hounded. The American patriots were once regarded as we are today. The fighters for Irish freedom through the centuries have been hounded and persecuted and regarded as the Communists are today.

The early Christians lived humbly. Today a few priests in poor parishes secretly sympathize with Communism. They are close to the people. But the rich hierarchy from bishops up are far removed from the poverty of the masses. They live on the fat of the land, with mansions, servants and automobiles, in a manner truly un-Christlike. They are incapable of realizing as we do who are the workers, how much the workers suffer under capitalism. We cannot expect them to look favorably on Communism.

The Bible tells us that it is as hard for a rich man to enter Heaven as it is for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. Yet we find a high church dignitary in Boston accepting a personal gift of \$25,000 from the local bankers. We also saw that when other notables later raised their voices in protest against the plight of the striking textile workers in New England, this rich prelate remained significantly silent.

FALSE CHARGES

The charge that we are the wreckers of the family is so utterly unfounded and so unsupported by facts that we deem it scarcely necessary to refute it. We point to the Soviet Union where Communism is being set up. Is the family being threatened there? Most certainly not! War, unemployment, extreme wealth and extreme poverty are the forces that wreck the family. And it is against these that Communism struggles.

In answer to the charge that we threaten the State we again point to the Soviet Union where the State is the voice of the great masses of the population and not the oppressive instrument of a handful of monopolists and wealthy despoilers of the people. It is true that we look forward to a time when the people will be united in brotherhood and the functions of government and of the state can be reduced to the regulation of economic relations between them.

RELIGION UNDER FASCISM

And finally, with regard to religion we feel that it is only necessary to point out that the country in which religion is most interfered with is Hitler-Germany, a country groaning under a fascist dictatorship established for the very purpose of saving the capitalist system. There priests and nuns are persecuted and not in the Soviet Union where there

FACTS AND FIGURES

FACTS ON THE WORLD WAR

Labor Fact Book III prepared by the Labor Research Ass'n gives some interesting material on the costs of the last World War which should vitally interest every section of the working population.

Costs of World War, 1914-1918 (in death and suffering): 10,000,000 known dead soldiers of the 60,000,000 who participated. 6,000,000 reported missing, about 3,000,000 of them dead. 20,000,000 or more wounded. 23,000,000 civilians dead from disease, famine, pestilence resulting from the war. (Prof. Hersch, Swedish statistician claims). 9,000,000 war orphans. 5,000,000 war widows. 10,000,000 rendered homeless (refugees).

Some United States Losses: 130,128 American soldiers killed in action and dead from other causes. 192,369 wounded.

Money Cost of World War: \$209,500,000 net direct costs for all countries involved. (Bankers' Trust Co. estimate). \$152,000,000,000 indirect cost for all countries involved. (Prof. Bogart estimate.) \$244,000,000 was average daily expenditure of all countries in war in 1918.

Money Costs to United States: \$1,000,000 an hour was average expenditure of United States government during its participation in the war. \$51,000,000,000 was net cost of World War to United States government alone up to 1931—Five years ago—according to Andrew W. Mellon, then Secretary of the Treasury. (The figure \$40,000,000,000 is given by Prof. Paul V. Horn in his International Trade. But this assumes that all war debts owing to United States will be paid. This is, of course, out of the question, so that ultimately the World War costs to the United States, it is estimated, may be almost doubled, or nearly \$80 billion.)

Who Benefited? 25 p. c. to 3000 p. c. profits were made by leading American corporations during war years. 25,000 known millionaires reported their incomes in the United States in 1918, compared with only 7500 in 1914. \$337,000,000 net profits reported by leading United States corporations for war period 1916-1918 compared with \$74,650,000 for pre-war period, 1912-1914. E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., powder and chemical company, cleared \$2550,500,000 in net profits in five years, 1914-1918. Dividends paid in 1915-1919 totaled \$139,000,000.

is the fullest freedom of religion. Here in the United States the same forces that would usher in a similar oppressive dictatorial rule, the Hearst-Liberty League inspired Black Legion and Ku Klux Klan, cry out in the same voice against Catholic, Jew, Negro, trade unionist and Communists, just as German fascist preceptors.

This briefly, is our answer and correction of your recent utterances against Communism. We wish to say particularly to your followers and especially the workers, professionals and small business men among them, that this is not by far a complete picture of the aims of Communism. We wish to urge them to take advantage of the many opportunities of acquainting themselves with the truth about our aims. Our Party is open and aboveboard and welcomes any and all inquiries. There is an old saying among the Irish which runs: "Do not pass judgment on any side till you hear from the other side."

Sincerely yours,
I. AMTER

Court on Hearst's Side In Black Committee Row

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Fascist William Randolph Hearst found the U. S. Court of Appeals on his side when it granted his special appeal from the decision of a lower court, which had dismissed his injunction request against the Black senatorial investigating committee.

Hearst wanted to prevent the committee's taking telegrams sent by him, from the files of the Western Union Telegraph Co. during the investigation of lobbying activities.

CHINA MARTIAL LAW

NANKING, China.—Martial law has been established in the Changsha area of Hunan province. Troops of the Nanking government are massed in this area. The Cantonese army which is marching North and demanding armed resistance to Japanese invasion, is approaching this district and an armed clash between the two government factions is considered possible.

"It is becoming more apparent each day that capitalism, as we know it, is doomed."—U. S. Sen. Elmer A. Benson of Minnesota.

Establishment of People's United Front Government in China Is Imminent

CHINESE PEOPLE WOULD UNITE WITH COMMUNISTS IN ANTI-JAPAN FRONT

Chiang Kai-Shek's Nanking Government Faces Ousting Unless Anti-Communist Campaigns Cease and Civil Rights Are Re-Established

CANTON, China.—Behind the revolt of the Cantonese army against the Nanking government is an issue which bids far to result in the overthrow of the dictator Chiang Kai-Shek and the establishment of a Left government similar to the one now functioning in France.

Acting under instructions from foreign imperialists, Chiang Kai-Shek has devoted the bulk of China's military and financial resources to a war against the Red Army of Soviet China.

GROWING INFLUENCE

Soviet China comprises about one-fifth of all Chinese territory. Instead of diminishing under the attacks of Chiang, the Soviets have enjoyed uninterrupted growth in strength and influence. The Red Army has defeated Nanking's successive military campaigns one after another.

Meanwhile, instead of resisting the Japanese invasion in the North, Chiang and his pro-imperialist government has capitulated to them and betrayed the interests of the Kuomintang Nationalist Party of which he is the head.

The Chinese Soviets have repeatedly voiced their willingness to unite with the whole of China to establish a democratic people's government and present an armed front against Japanese imperialism.

CIVIL LIBERTIES

As well as devoting all resources to war against the Soviets, Chiang has imposed a reactionary dictatorship over China, stifling all freedom of speech, assembly and organization.

The Chinese Soviets specify that the conditions of a united front must include the re-establishment of civil rights.

As a result of this, the huge majority of China favors unity with the Communists. Opposition to the Nanking government has reached such a pitch that even Chiang's own generals have turned against him.

DEMAND UNITED FRONT

General Feng Yui-shiang, vice-chairman of the National Military Council, in an interview with Edgar Snow, correspondent for the London Daily Herald, recently stated that he regarded the following steps to be necessary to the best interests of the country:

- (1) A Chinese-Soviet Alliance.
- (2) Greater development of patriotic and anti-Japanese movements.
- (3) Guarantee of civil liberties throughout China.
- (4) Armed organization of the entire Chinese nation.
- (5) Immediate cessation of Nanking's fight against the Chinese Communist armies.

The extreme sentiment toward unity which has spread over all China is thus clearly indicated when we find a Nanking general expressing exactly the same demands as the Chinese Soviets.

SHOWDOWN FORCED

Chiang Kai-Shek and his Nanking government are faced with the immediate ultimatum by the Chinese people, that he must either go along with this program which expresses the majority of Chinese opinion, or else be ground under by the march of events.

Japan, meanwhile, has been mobilizing troops in the North China provinces on an unprecedented scale and is openly preparing for further intervention. She has thrown a veil of censorship over all troop movements and refuses to issue any statement regarding the strength of her armies in China. This is a measure hitherto unheard of excepting in time of war.

RED ARMY TACTICS

A recent dispatch describes the activities of the Chinese Red Army in the Northern Provinces. It states: The most important facts are the following:

(1) Under the personal command of Comrade Mao-Tse-Tun, sections of the main divisions of the Red Army marched into the Province of Shansi in order to organize the army of the anti-Japanese Alliance and to develop the Chinese National revolutionary war.

(2) The Red Army under the command of Comrade Holung and Siao Ke, which is established on the border of the provinces, Szechwan, Kweichow and Yunnan, has set up there a revolutionary people's government, a portent of the coming All-Chinese Government of National Defense.

(3) The Red Army which has entered Shansi province has adopted a new attitude with regard to landlords and capitalists, in order to include them also in the anti-Japanese front, and thus to bring about a united front of the entire nation.

The Red Army in Shansi already forms the prototype of the army of the Anti-Japanese Alliance.

NANKING ARMY REVOLT

The Red Army has established itself over more than 35 districts in Shansi and is in direct contact with Nanking troops, 100,000 strong. Between these two

forces no serious engagements have taken place.

The Japanese know well that for them to send their troops into Shansi province would only facilitate the object of the Red Army, namely: the formation of a united anti-Japanese army.

Altogether, a total of 300,000 Chinese (Nanking) government troops are concentrated in Shansi. The success achieved by the Red Army is evidenced by the fact that some 200,000 of these have been stated by Chiang Kai-Shek to be unfit for active service (meaning that their sympathy has gone over to the Reds). Two divisions of Chang Hsu Liang's army and one division of the Shansi army have gone over to the Red Army bag and baggage. Six divisional commanders of Chang Hsu Liang's army have resigned their commands rather than take up arms against the Communists.

It remains to be seen whether Chiang Kai-Shek will attempt to stem this powerful tide of the people's will. If, under orders from the Japanese, he continues to do so, this traitor to the Chinese people will find himself buried beneath this tide.

FINAL LINK FORGED BETWEEN FASCISTS FOR WAR ALLIANCE

Germany, Italy, Japan, Austria, and Poland Join Hands for World Conquest

PARIS, France.—Reliable reports confirm that an alliance between Italy, Germany, Austria and Poland have been completed and that proclamation of the pact will result out of the next League of Nations session.

Germany's already established agreement with Japan for military cooperation in an invasion of the Soviet Union, renders this pact a complete alignment of all fascist and belligerent powers and brings the threat of a new world war closer than any other development in recent months.

Chief bone of contention standing between Hitler and Mussolini was their rivalry for control of Austria, and the dexterity with which Austrian fascists played these two powers against each other in maneuvering for advantage.

The new Schuschnigg government in Austria now has the complete approval of both Germany and Italy. Concessions have been made to the anti-Nazi von Starheimberg and his Heimwehr army. Starheimberg has in turn made concessions to Germany.

There is a further, but unconfirmed, report that restoration of the Hapsburg monarchy with Prince Otto on the throne is the next step in fascist maneuvers.

Italian spokesmen affirm that unless sanctions are removed, Italy will withdraw from the League of Nations at the next session.

Hearst Profits Drop As Hearst's Salary Rises

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Profits of the Hearst Publications, Inc., giant holding company for one of the publisher's newspaper chains, dipped more than \$200,000 from 1934 to 1935. Last year, after deductions for expenses, depreciation, interest and federal taxes were made, profits amounted to \$2,324,833, compared with \$2,596,626 in 1934. Hearst's \$500,000-a-year salary and the \$265,000 handed out to Arthur Brisbane are not included as profit.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

ROME, Italy.—Mussolini has just named his son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, for the post of foreign minister. Rumor is that Ciano is being trained by Il Duce to succeed him as dictator when he dies. The young Count previously held the post of minister of propaganda. During the Ethiopia war, he commanded the notorious "Desperate" squadron of bombing planes.

REDWOOD CITY HARBOR

REDWOOD CITY.—Voters here last week approved a \$266,000 bond issue toward building a Redwood City deep water harbor. The entire project will cost an estimated sum of \$350,000 to be financed by federal funds.

FILIPINO FREEDOM?

MANILA, P. I.—The American flag must fly over the Filipino flag, according to ruling handed school authorities recently by Joao Yulo, secretary of justice. If on a pole, the American flag must be on top; if side by side, the American flag must be on the right.

Prestes Tribute Sent Via Embassy Attache

WILL DELIVER WORD OF AMERICANS

NEW YORK.—A bouquet of red roses for Luis Carlos Prestes, idol of the Brazilian people and president of the National Liberation Alliance, now in jail in Brazil, was presented by a delegation from the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People of the Commercial Attache to the Brazilian Embassy, Paulo Hasslocher, who sailed this morning for Brazil on the S.S. Western World.

Mr. Hasslocher promised the delegates to deliver the roses to Prestes in the name of thousands of workers, intellectuals and freedom-loving Americans who are working for Prestes' release.

The delegates, Rose E. Flannell of the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People, Mr. Joseph Gelders of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, and Rose Barron of the International Labor Defense, then read aloud to Mr. Hasslocher a resolution demanding the immediate release of Prestes, amnesty for 17,000 political prisoners, among them Sen. Abel Chermont and four members of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies; and that Arthur Ewert, former Reichstag Deputy and his wife, now in Brazil and threatened with deportation to Nazi Germany, be allowed to go to the country of their choice.

The delegation further stated that liberty-loving Americans were shocked at the fascist brutality of the Vargas Government and asked that civil and democratic rights be restored to the Brazilian people in accordance with the guarantee of the Brazilian Constitution.

The attache of the Brazilian Embassy stated that he would transmit this message to his Government and make every effort to secure the release of all political prisoners, to which the delegates replied that what they wanted was action, not promises.

COMMITTEE GAINS RELEASE OF NAZI POLITICAL VICTIM

PARIS.—The mass campaign waged by the Organization Committee of the International Conference for Rights of Asylum, has snatched a victim from the bloody hands of the Nazis.

Heinrich Bell has been released by the Hitler government and allowed to return to Belgium.

A political refugee from the Nazis, Bell sought asylum in Belgium last year, but two months ago was handed over to the Gestapo police by Belgian border police because "his papers were not in order." The Organization Committee protested to M. Soudan, Belgian Minister of Justice, who investigated Bell's expulsion and found that he had been handed over to the Gestapo on a strip of land which both countries have agreed to recognize as neutral territory.

- Against War -



American youth wants no misunderstanding as to how it feels about war and fascism. More than 15,000 young people of widely varied schools of opinion ranging from church groups to Young Communists joined hands and paraded through the streets of New York on Memorial Day—celebrating their own holiday—United Youth Day—a day of demonstrations against the twin menaces, war and fascism. The parade was sponsored by the American Youth Congress.

Their Say Means Something



"Of the people, by the people and for the people." That slogan is a reality and not just an ideal in the Soviet Union. The people run their own country—and that means the factories and farms and every branch of life. Here's a gathering of engineers' wives at a factory in the Donbas region discussing plans for beautifying and improving the plant and extending school and nursery programs.

Every Soviet Citizen Takes an Active Part in Practical Administration of National Affairs

DEMOCRACY A REALITY WHEN THE PEOPLE MAKE AND CARRY OUT OWN DECISIONS

This is the third of a series of articles written by a professor of a California Junior College now spending a year's leave of absence in the U. S. S. R. They are released by the American Friends of the Soviet Union.

Part III

Last year the City Soviet of Moscow received 50,000 complaints by mail in regard to everything from inefficient streetcar service to poor light bulbs. One third of these complaints were corrected. Also, the Peasants' Gazette, the newspaper with the largest circulation in the world, received 1,000,000 letters from its readers in which requests and complaints were made. Every one of these letters was read and referred to district or city soviets or Communist Party nuclei for adjustment or correction.

Democracy finds its expression in still other ways. I told a barber one time that in other countries which I have visited, if one were well to do, one would not invite a barber to dinner, nor would one care to have one's daughter marry a barber. I asked him if barbers ever felt in the Soviet Union as if they were slightly lower in the social status. On the contrary, he said, the barbers feel very proud of their profession, for in the development of culture one of the most important is cleanliness.

ALL WORK RESPECTED

The barbers feel that they have a very important role in teaching the people to be clean and smooth shaven. An engineer in a cooking department told me that the members on the technical professions did not feel a bit better than the most unskilled workers. Indeed, he said, it is the duty of every skilled worker, engineer, udarnik, teacher, etc. to help as much as possible those workers who are unskilled, uneducated and uncultured.

Such assistance is given by the smarter children in school to the ones who learn more slowly. As a result one does not find pupils divided into groups according to intelligence.

This idea of comradesly assistance is carried a long way in this country. For instance, in a trade union meeting one laborer was criticizing another for drinking too much. But the general criticism was turned not against the drinker, but against his two roommates. It was felt that they should have done more toward getting him interested in music, literature, and drama, so that he wouldn't want to drink so much.

THE CIVIL COURTS

This democracy finds its way quite naturally into the courts. Most of the minor offenses are dealt with in factories, plants, trade union, house meetings, or organizations by what are known as comrade courts. They are purely informal, and neither law nor lawyers participate.

Cases involving personal property and other more important cases are brought to the People's Courts where there are so-called legal judges and two judges in each court representing the people. The decision of any two is binding.

All the laws in the Soviet Union would not fill more than ten ordinary sized books, and precedent plays absolutely no part in decisions.

The courts are very plain; there is no pompousness, no ceremony, no robes; there is no browbeating, no heckling; there are no legal technicalities; there are no emo-

Ethiopian Forces Rally To Oppose Italian Rule

LEAGUE GIVES NEGUS COLD SHOULDER

LONDON, England.—Subjugation of the Ethiopian people is still a long, costly and bloody task before Italian fascism. Capture of Addis Ababa and routing of Haile Selassie's government has not yet broken the back of Ethiopian resistance. Years of intense civil warfare are predicted, during which every native act of resistance will be attributed to "bandits."

Ethiopian forces are reliably reported assembling in three areas to oppose the invaders. Ten thousand men are under arms in the mountainous Gore region of the West. Fifteen thousand more are ready for mobilization in the South. Warriors scattered throughout other regions are mobilizing rapidly.

Haile Selassie is in direct contact with these developments and Bitwood Walder Tsadik is heading the native government during the Emperor's absence.

Selassie is continuing his appeals to the League of Nations but receiving little or no encouragement.

PROTEST ASKED TO HALT DEPORTATION OF OTTO RICHTER

NEW YORK CITY.—Otto Richter, 21, who fled from Germany in 1933 after being beaten by storm troopers, must surrender June 23rd for deportation to Germany, according to notification received by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born from Byron H. Uhl, district director of immigration.

Richter is to be sent to face death in Germany on the S. S. President Harding, sailing on June 24th.

He was arrested in San Francisco during the General Strike of 1934 and held for deportation on the charge of "illegal entry," the Labor Department having denied him the right of political asylum as a political refugee and also refusing to consider his case a "hardship" case, although he is married to an American-born citizen.

The Committee requests letters and telegrams be sent to Secretary of Labor Perkins immediately by all individuals and organizations protesting Richter's deportation.

SEATTLE PROTEST AMERICAN SEAMAN ARREST BY NAZIS

SEATTLE.—A city-wide mass meeting is to be held here on June 23rd demanding freedom for Lawrence Simpson, American seaman being held prisoner by the Nazi terrorists of Germany. John G. Simpson, the seaman's father, will be the principal speaker.

The recently-formed Lawrence Simpson Defense Committee here includes District Council No. 1 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific; Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers; Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Salmon Purse Seiners' Union, and the International Labor Defense.

Edward C. Fisher, of the District Council, is chairman with Jack Holt, Sailors' Union, as vice-chairman and Rosalie Marsh, I. L. D. District Secretary, as recording secretary.

AMERICAN OLYMPIC TEAM READY TO GO TO NAZI FESTIVAL

NEW YORK CITY.—Notwithstanding the widespread reaction of the people against the exploitation of the Olympic Games by the Nazis in an attempt to "glorify" their bloody regime, the American Olympic Committee is planning to send the largest team from this country ever to participate in the games.

Frederick W. Ruben, secretary of the committee, announced that 395 athletes, of which 53 will be women, are to compose the United States team. The previous all-time high record was in 1932 when the games were held in this country at Los Angeles, with 375 athletes entered.

A number of American star athletes, who otherwise would be competing, have already refused to participate in this pro-Nazi propaganda affair, which is being promoted in this country by the most reactionary and fascist minded elements of finance capital.

Since the February elections in Spain, which brought the Popular Front to power, 30,000 political prisoners have been freed, all workers previously discharged for trade union and radical activity have been re-instated, fascist organizations have been dissolved, and more than 70,000 tracts of land allotted to peasants formerly landless and starving.

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DUTCH AUTHORITIES REFUSE ASYLUM TO GERMAN ANTI-NAZI

AMSTERDAM.—Johann Schwittay, German anti-fascist, has been surrendered by Dutch authorities to the Hitler government.

Escaping from the Nazi concentration camp of Esterwegen in 1935, Schwittay fled to Holland, where he was arrested January 30th last by Dutch police because "his identification papers were not in order."

When the Amsterdam Tribunal acceded to Hitler demands for Schwittay's extradition, the refugee told them: "You have just now condemned me to death!"

"Set yourself a quota of signatures to the petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act!"

READERS SAY

Dear Editor:

WANTS HUNGER MARCH

I believe it would be wise to have a hunger march at the Democratic Convention and place the demands of the Farmer-Labor Party program before the Democratic Convention to put into use where it will begin to benefit the unemployed, the laborers, the small and middle class business men, the small farmer. I do not know whether it will be your thought or if it will be good, but I am just giving you an idea about my thought.

Most sincerely yours,

A Sympathizer.

EDUCATORS' CONVENTION

Dear Editor:

I noticed in the National Education Journal for June, the program for the National Education Association Convention to be held in Portland early in July. One of the features of the convention will be a presentation of the program of the principal political parties of the United States by representatives from those parties.

I note that the parties designated are the Republican, Democrat and Socialist. I consider the Communist Party also as one of the main parties in the U. S. A. and I see no reason why the C. P. program should not also be read to the teachers of the nation.

It is for that reason that I write you hoping that interested persons will read this and take steps to have the C. P. program presented to the N. E. A. convention.

The National secretary of the N. E. A. is William Givens, 1201 Sixteenth street N.W., Washington, D. C.

Interested Reader.

Dear Editor:

At the last meeting of the Oakland branch of the Y. C. L. we were addressed by Mrs. Hill, mother of Victor Barron, who was murdered in Brazil by the government. At this meeting the branch decided to ask the Party to create an order of Red Star Mothers, which organization would include all women whose sons or daughters have fallen in the class struggle.

The branch executive committee wishes to leave it to your discretion what steps to take to bring this request to the attention of the Party.

Comradely yours,
Y. C. L., Exec. Comm.,
Oakland Branch

Calles Loses Title

MEXICO CITY, June 4.—Following the recent speech of Plutarco Calles before the Association of Oil Workers in Tulsa, Okla., in which the former dictator attacked the government of President Cardenas and the trade union leadership, President Cardenas ordered the Secretary of War to take away from Calles his title of "General." This is considered a signal disgrace in Mexico as military titles are only taken away from those men who have proved themselves traitors to their country.

JAPANESE TRAINING SHIPS

YOKOSUKA, Japan.—Two Japanese naval training ships carrying 1500 cadets and 25,000 quarts of beer, sailed from here for San Francisco. The cadets are for Davey Jones locker in the coming war. The beer is to be served to visitors in foreign ports.

SPAIN BANS PRIVATE ARMS

MADRID, Spain.—Discovery of a monarchist plot against the government resulted in the drafting of a rigid law against possession of arms or explosives.

BOARD AIDS STANDARD OIL

LOS ANGELES.—Standard Oil and other huge oil companies breathe more easily here following refusal of the County Board of Supervisors to pass an ordinance which would seriously have embarrassed profits. The ordinance would have prohibited filling-station operators from selling gasoline to drunks.

Figures published in *Deutsche Justiz* show that some 56,000 were sterilized in the first 12 months of the German eugenic law. At this rate, 2 in every 1000 will be sterilized each year, with a total expectation of about 4 per cent. According to *The Eugenics Review*, studies reveal that "much resentment among the common people" exists, but because of fear of physical violence, no open protests are made. Sterilization is compulsory, and costs the state about \$10,000,000 a year.

"A communist registration is a punch in the nose to fascism!"

Local Communist Party Revises Org. Structure

LAYS OUT WORK FOR COMING PERIOD

The following organizational proposals and control tasks were adopted by the California State Convention of the Communist Party, June 7, 1936:

1. The District Convention shall elect a California State Committee of 21, and 10 candidates, a State Chairman and State Organizer.

2. The State Committee shall meet at least once every three months.

3. The State Committee shall elect an executive committee of 7 members and 4 candidates, an Organization Secretary, Educational Director, Trade Union Director, and heads of various other commissions.

4. The State Executive Committee shall organize commissions to work under the leadership of the heads of the various commissions and of the State executive Committee.

5. The present sections shall change their names to conform to the political subdivisions of the State—such as San Francisco County, Alameda County, Los Angeles County. Subsections, shall re-organize County. Subsections, or units not in these counties but part of the present sections, shall remain part of the county organizations with the view of organizing separate county organizations as soon as it is found possible and practical. In the rest of the state, the present sections consisting of more than one county should continue their present sections, with the view of finally establishing territorial divisions and function as section county organizations.

6. The present section committees shall become the County Committees and meet at least once a month to discuss the major fundamental political and organizational issues of the Party and County organization. The present bureaus shall become the Executive Committees of the County Committees and meet at least twice a month.

7. The present subsections in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, shall wherever possible, providing there are sufficient members and forces in the territory, be established to conform to one particular assembly district, and shall be renamed Sections. Subsections which comprise more than one assembly district shall select an assembly district for concentration in which the largest number of members live and adopt the name of that Assembly district, with the view of finally establishing it as a separate assembly district section organization.

8. In those assembly districts where certain organizational readjustments have to be made to establish the organization in a single assembly district and therefore necessitates the reelection of the leading bodies, the County Committees with the approval of the State Executive Committee, shall be authorized to call assembly district (section) conferences to elect the assembly district (section) committees and executive committees. Assembly district (section committees) should meet at least every two weeks.

PROPOSED DISTRICT CONTROL TASKS

The Party, if it is to fulfill the decisions of the Convention, must carry out the following organizational control tasks.

1. To bring the good standing membership up to 3,500 by January 1, 1937. To fulfill this objective, the Party must further increase the tempo and quality of its recruiting, but place in the forefront the problem of stopping the present tremendous fluctuation. The stopping of fluctuation becomes the central organizational task before the District. The County and Assembly District Committees shall immediately discuss and work out the necessary measures to overcome this situation in addition to:

(a). Considering unit recruiting and dues payments as one task.

(b). Constant checkup on recruiting, dues payments, and attendance in each unit.

(c). Establishing the squad system in each unit (squads of 5 with squad captains responsible for dues payments, attendance and activity of squad members).

(d). The organization of new members classes as a permanent institution.

(e). Systematic efforts to bring back dropped-out members.

2. To establish 10 functioning shop units in important factories in the state which will regularly issue their own shop papers.

3. To increase the subscriptions to the Western Worker to 3,500, and bundle orders to 5,000 by January 1st. To establish Friends of the Western Worker Committees in the various counties, through the organization of periodical conferences of W. W. readers to discuss content, circulation and financial aid to the paper.

4. To train 100 of the most active members for leadership in the units, section and county organizations through the organization of full-time Section and District training schools, by January 1st.

5. To strengthen and develop the Party core in the Y. C. L. by assigning young Party members for this work and recruiting more Y. C. L. comrades into the Party; establish youth organizations in those centers where none exist; and

Five CCC Boys Burned to Death



Five CCC boys were trapped and burned alive when this giant forest fire swept over 90 acres of New Jersey destroying millions of dollars worth of lumber. The incident recalls the Los Angeles Griffith Park holocaust of 1933 in which more than a hundred relief workers were trapped and burned to death. Fire-fighters (above) are taking time out for a brief rest.

Trade Unions in Brazil

SOLIDARITY OF AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT IMPORTANT IF SUPPRESSION OF UNIONS IS TO BE PREVENTED BY DICTATORS

(Issued by the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People, 156 Fifth ave., Room 530, New York, N. Y.)

The history of the trade union movement in Brazil has been an inspiring and heroic one. The organizations of the Brazilian workers maintained a vigorous growth with notable gains in spite of legal restrictions, victimization and savage repression.

The federal Ministry of Labor, created by the Vargas government which seized power in 1930 compelled all unions to register with it. Unions were also required to permit a government inspector to attend all meetings. Through the Ministry of Labor, the government, in some industries, set up registered unions in competition with existing unions; in such cases the workers recognized the government unions as potential "scab" unions. In other industries there was a strong influx of active trade unionists into the government unions which were converted into effective collective bargaining agencies. A notable example is furnished by the Railroad Unions.

PRICES UP—WAGES DOWN

In 1934 and the early part of 1935, the Vargas government was threatened by a wave of strikes. Prices of food were rising precipitately and wages in many cases actually falling. Lay-offs, speed-up and intolerable working conditions constituted additional grievances. The strikers were also demanding the eight-hour day, provided for in the Brazilian Constitution, but never put into effect.

Menaced by the growing popular unrest and organized protest, the Vargas regime, on April 4th, 1935, secured the passage by a controlled legislature of the National Security Act, or as it is more popularly termed, the Monstrous Law. The fundamental aim of the National Security Act was to crush the organization and growth of progressive and militant trade unions. At the same time armed fascist bands became more open in their activities and attacked workers' demonstrations and trade union meetings. In a bloody encounter which took place at Petropolis, the Textile Union headquarters were smashed, a number of members were killed and scores injured.

LABOR CONFEDERATION

In order to combat this fascist provocation and terror, the trade unions of Brazil were compelled to consolidate their forces. After many preliminary conferences a Trade Union Conference was held in April 1935 which succeeded in merging all the most important trade unions into a mighty unified organization—the United Confederation of Brazilian Trade Unions. At the Congress 399 representatives of the most important

assist the Y. C. L. in building the united youth league in the state.

6. To realize the objective: Every Party member an active trade unionist, or active in a mass organization.

7. Organizational conferences on a regional basis to be organized after the National Convention to discuss and work out plans to improve the organizational situation in the state. Preparations to be started immediately after the District Convention.

8. The discussion of the District and National Convention decisions to be organized in every County and organization and unit during the month of June and July.

and federations of trade unions participated.

The Congress endorsed and supported the program of the National Liberation Alliance which included demands for the eight-hour day, minimum wage legislation, old age pensions and unemployment insurance. It is a matter of record that the United Confederation of Trade Unions, formally organized at this Congress, had affiliations with a total membership of between three and four hundred thousand trade unionists.

UNION LEADERS JAILED

In July, 1935, the Vargas government issued a decree outlawing the United Confederation of Trade Unions. The headquarters of the central and local organizations were closed and the Executive Board members imprisoned. The government was unable, however, to suppress the determination of the workers to continue trade union activity.

The violent acts of the Vargas government against the railroad workers of Pernambuco, who were striking in November against a railroad operated by British interests in the Northeast states, brought matters to a head. When the local police were ineffective in breaking the strike, the army was sent in. The wives of the strikers placed themselves on the tracks in order to prevent the arrival of troops sent to crush the strike. The soldiers of the army fraternized with the strikers and refused to attack them. When higher army officers attempted to discipline the troops for this "insubordination," strikers and soldiers made common cause. It was this brutal provocation by the Vargas government that led to the November uprising.

After the uprising was crushed, a "state of war" was declared within the country, giving Vargas a free hand to carry through his policy of complete dissolution of all trade unions, which continued to press for better conditions and wages.

Legislation Ignored

In spite of all the splendid guarantees of civil rights and social legislation enacted into the Brazilian Constitution, the bona fide trade unions are, one by one, being liquidated.

The Vargas government recently issued a fascist decree under which every trade union must furnish the police with the names and addresses of all active and inactive members. Another governmental decree gives all employers the right to discharge any employee whom he suspects of radical tendencies. Mass dismissals are taking place with increasing rapidity among clerical workers, teachers, textile, railroad and other workers. The Federation of Seamen, one of the most powerful of trade unions, had its charter revoked, its headquarters closed and its leaders arrested. A similar fate has befallen the Traction Light and Power Workers Union of Sao Paulo, a union of workers in a Morgan-controlled utility. In Sao Paulo, the leading industrial city of South America and throughout the state of Sao Paulo, the police report "intense activity" in revoking union charters.

The attempt of President Vargas of Brazil to suppress the trade unions in that country is fraught with such grave danger to the labor movement throughout the Americas that the situation demands united action on the part of all trade unionists in defense of their fellow workers in Brazil.

"You can change your registration to Communist—DO IT NOW!"

SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE TREATY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Negotiations between Moscow and Washington for renewal of the Soviet-American trade agreement are now being pursued. Last year, the Soviets purchased far in excess of the agreed \$30,000,000 worth of U. S. goods.

American officials are reported willing to renew the agreement which expires July 13, on the same basis. Soviets will promise to purchase another \$30,000,000 worth of goods and will, in return, enjoy the same tariff concessions granted to other nations with which the U. S. has reciprocal trade treaties.

ANTI-WAR LEAGUE PUBLISHES LOCAL MAGAZINE IN L.A.

Policy to Give Accurate Reports On Local Conflict Between Fascists and Workers

LOS ANGELES.—Peace and Freedom, a semi-monthly journal of the Los Angeles branch of the American League Against War and Fascism, made its appearance recently. The editorial policy, as given in an early issue, is to give Los Angeles residents truthful reports of the local conflict between fascist and working class forces.

The first few issues have followed this policy on a broad scale. Not only is the paper a bulletin for League members; it is also a source of news significant to workers, housewives and professionals. Both union and anti-labor activities in the film industry are emphasized. There are also comprehensive articles on the local Board of Education's move to suppress freedom of thought in the schools.

In addition, there are film and book reviews, and items of interest to women. The paper is undoubtedly a source of factual news that is passed over or treated vaguely by the metropolitan Los Angeles papers.

Peace and Freedom, with offices at 1506 N. Vermont ave., Hollywood, offers single copies at 5 cents; subscriptions at 60 cents for six months, \$1 a year.

Children of Revolution Story in New Pamphlet

New Psychology and Ideals Creating A New Race of People

("Building a New World," by V. Chomadanov, Foreword by George Soule; Workers' Library Publishers, Inc., New York; 5 cents.)

Born in the glorious and stormy days of the great Russian revolution of 1917, the youth of the Soviet Union celebrated their coming of age, their 18th birthday, last October. This is the first generation of the Socialist fatherland, the first to have insured them a happy and joyous life.

"Building a New World" tells of the childhood, the schooling, the work of the youth of the Soviet Union; it tells of the many heroes among the youth, their ambitions to build ever a fuller life, their participation in the work of the Soviet state. In short, it tells of youth free to choose its work, free to live, free to be happy.

To quote from the pamphlet: "The new man is born only in battle against the relics of the old. But he has already been born. He is growing. He has made his existence known to the whole world. Like the giant in the fable, he grows from day to day, from hour to hour, and that which is a new feature today will be a general quality tomorrow. That which is scattered through the whole generation today will be gathered in every person and then the generation of Soviet giants—giants of thought, of will, of feeling—will rise in its full strength before the world."

To understand what Socialism means in practice, one must read this book of the youth of Socialism. D. R.

WAGES IN APRIL in Illinois

were 77.6 per cent and payrolls 64.1 per cent of normal, the Illinois department of labor says. The average weekly wage was \$23.89. Coal miners' wages were \$23.49. Mine payrolls were 36.2 per cent of normal, jobs 65.5 per cent.

Great Britain is formulating a plan whereby "educational orders" will be given to manufacturers who do not produce munitions or war supplies, so that they will have "machinery and trained workmen available to convert their plant rapidly in time of war."

"If you want a Farmer-Labor Party, support the Party that fights for it—Register Communist Now!"

Annual Milk Fund Drive For Prisoners' Children NATIONAL CAMPAIGN PLAN OF I.L.D.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Second annual drive to raise a Summer Milk Fund for the children of labor's prisoners, opened throughout the country on June 1st, under direction of Rose Baron, secretary of the Prisoners' Relief Department of the International Labor Defense.

"There are 250 boys and girls in America today whose health depends on success for our drive," stated Miss Baron. "We initiated our Summer Milk Drive last year and our first attempt met with considerable success, topping our \$1500 quota. This year the demands upon us for aid and support from labor's neediest cases have doubled, and therefore we have doubled our quota to \$3000."

From June 1 to September 1, I.L.D. branches will conduct the drive in every part of the country, with tag days, picnics, conferences planned to mobilize all friends and supporters of labor's prisoners.

Chief slogan is the cry of the children themselves: "Help keep us strong till our dads come home."

In California, contributions should be sent to the I.L.D. at 1005 Market street, San Francisco, or 127 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

HOLLYWOOD PLANS POLITICAL MOVIES DURING ELECTIONS

Hand of Hearst Controls Most Of the Propaganda in Coming "Patriotism" Films

By John R. Chaplin

HOLLYWOOD (FP).—The approaching elections are more than slightly responsible for the new crop of patriotic and political films which have gone into production or preparation at the Hollywood studios within the last few weeks.

Warner Brothers are readying a political satire (a very inoffensive one, which will offend no parties—except, maybe just a little, the working class), to be called Everybody Cheers; Hugh Herbert will be in it. Twentieth Century-Fox, whose innocuous political satire Thanks a Million was an outstanding hit, will do a sequel to it, Sing, Baby, Sing.

M.G.M. is doing a short subject dealing with the events leading to the signing of the U.S. constitution, and these historical events are being juggled in such a manner as to level a subtle attack against the New Deal, without being forthright about it. Warners are doing a short titled Old Glory, in technicolor, which will star Donald Woods and Claire Dodd. It will deal with the writing of The Star Spangled Banner.

Some political observers draw the conclusion that films will play a hitherto unimagined part in the next electoral campaigns, with the hand of William Randolph Hearst prominent in them. Hearst, it was pointed out, renewed his contract with the Democratic Warner Brothers long before it had expired, thus retaining them on his side, while at the same time backing Landon against Roosevelt. With the swinging of California's Gov. Merriam behind Landon, Hearst has brought into his camp Republican Louis B. Mayer, producer of the Constitution short. Hollywood politicians are asking whether Hearst will thus control both Democratic and Republican film propaganda in the same campaign.

Roosevelt for New Guffey Bill But Won't Press It

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt strongly favors the substitute Guffey Coal bill which retains price-fixing but is minus labor provisions, but the president will not press for early passage of the new bill. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, reported this after a conference with the president.

"If we finance a war, we will wind up by fighting it as well.—Dr. Hubert C. Harring, director, Council for Social Action, Congregational and Christian Churches of America.

"Why don't they shoot me instead of sending me back to Germany to be tortured to death?"—Otto Richter, 21-year-old refugee from Nazi Germany, facing deportation from the U. S.

"War Dept. appropriations for 1936 provides a million dollar increase for extending R. O. T. C. units in public high schools and colleges." This will add from 30,000 to 60,000 students to the 148,000 now taking military training.

Since the Spring of 1935, when a Senate filibuster shelved the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynch law, there have been 25 actual lynchings and 117 attempted lynchings in the United States.

Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

DEMOCRACY

The ideal of "Americanism" as understood and cherished by the American public has been a belief in democracy. It is the belief that oppressors and rulers were done away with for all time in the American revolution; that America is a nation in which the people govern themselves by popular vote.

"Of the people, by the people and for the people," is the ideal of the American government.

So much for the ideal. It is an ideal worth fighting for—worth dying for. And American soldiers have sacrificed their lives in the name of this principle.

It is important today to examine whether or not we have this state of affairs for which so many men have fought and died.

If we haven't, it is still worth fighting for.

We have democracy in politics. We have the ballot box. We elect our own government officials. But do we?

The millionaires own all the newspapers and radio stations in the country and it is out of their pockets that the enormous campaign expenses of candidates are paid. Although there is heated rivalry around election times, it is rivalry between opposing capitalist candidates. Every large industry or capitalist interest hires lobbyists whose special task is to hang around state and national capitals buttonholing representatives and "persuading" them to sponsor legislation which will be profitable to the various millionaires.

Obviously, this offsets any democracy that might otherwise exist around the ballot box.

But we must look further than that.

The average man or woman very seldom has any relations with the government. The only contact they have with the government is:

- When they pay taxes.
- When they are arrested.
- When they are married.
- When they are divorced.

(e) When there is a war and they are drafted.

(f) When they are destitute and must apply for relief.

The real business of their life is not carried on between themselves and their government, but between themselves and their boss. Their lives are governed, not by government officials, but by the man they work for.

The employer governs the lives of the American people, and in this most important of all relationships the people have no say at all beyond the fact that they can quit their job if they don't like the way he rules. The employer rules with more freedom and authority than any king ever did.

This is the "American freedom" which Hearst, McFadden, Wall Street, the Liberty League and the Supreme Court are so zealous in defending.

The only power which to date challenges this "liberty" is the trade union movement. Consequently, the unions are decimated in the capitalist papers as "Communist" whenever they exert their organized strength.

It needs no special wisdom to see that in America today there is a very limited and unreal democracy pertaining to about one per cent of the affairs of existence and no democracy whatsoever as regards 99 per cent of the affairs and relationships of life.

If America is to be a land "of the people, by the people and for the people," then obviously all the factories and lands and means whereby the people gain their livelihood must be "of the people, by the people and for the people."

Such a democracy is worth fighting for and dying for. It is worth defending. But we cannot possibly defend it until we attain it.

All that we can say in America today is that it is worth fighting for.

We cannot attain it by fighting the Japanese.

We cannot attain it by fighting the Germans.

We cannot attain it by fighting the workers of any foreign land.

It is a fight we have to settle right here within our own borders.

And that is what Communism is all about. That is what Communism is organized to do; make America "of the people, by the people and for the people."

Let us organize our own political power through a united front Farmer-Labor Party. Let us control and command that one per cent of democracy that does exist. And, having gained that much of our goal, let us move forward until democracy is extended into every branch of life—until we have Socialism in America—a democracy of the workers; not a democracy of wealthy capitalists.

Only one right will we suppress and deny; the right of an exploiting owner

Every Party Member a Reader of the Western Worker Must Be Slogan

A CONDENSATION of the Report on Circulation of the Western Worker, Made to the California State Convention of the Communist Party, June 6, 1936

Comrades:

An examination of the circulation figures of the Western Worker gives us some figures which every Communist should consider.

The circulation as far as the subs are concerned shows a healthy increase. Healthy because it is greater than any similar increases in previous years. We now have over 500 more subscribers than we had at the end of June, 1935. However, we had on Jan. 1, 1936, 70 less than we had on Jan. 1, 1935, a factor we can attribute to a "seasonal decline." This year, the decline, if it is allowed to occur at all, must necessarily be less since a much larger proportion of the subs are for 12 months and will not expire until after the first of next year.

This healthy growth is more nearly due to the special combination offers of books and the Sunday Worker than to any direct work of the comrades in the field. This is also shown in the small number of renewals received from those whose names had been sent to the sections.

The Western Worker is becoming more readable and salable. If every comrade considered it a vital part of his work, no matter what campaign he is engaged in, to secure subs for the paper, our sub list would grow with extreme rapidity.

In addition circulation in the bundle field must be increased. Indifference and lethargy apparently on the part of the comrades are solely responsible for the present steady decline in the bundle orders. The greater popularity of the Western Worker, its unquestioned improvement, and the influence of the Party should counteract this downward flow and the Western Worker should be utilized as the organ of the Party in all campaigns and contacts.

The following suggestions are made along this line:

1. Every Party member must become a regular reader of the Western Worker.
2. Every Party member to achieve good standing by obtaining a Western Worker honor stamp for his book through the sale of at least one subscription. This to be made a matter of socialist competition between members of the units.
3. Each unit to commence a series of short discussions based on articles of leading importance printed in the Western Worker.
4. Every mass meeting of the Party should have a Western Worker speaker on the agenda, and the sale of papers arranged for.
5. Every section should make plans to utilize special editions of the Western Worker to popularize its local political candidates.
6. Units and groups of workers in mass organizations should take advantage of the special low rates to purchase special bundles for distribution in their neighborhoods or among their fellow workers.

And last and most important, responsible comrades must be assigned in every county and section whose chief work will be the building of the Western Worker. Until this is done the circulation of the paper will remain haphazard and constantly fluctuating.

to make profits out of another man's labor.

This kind of liberty must go the way of the liberty ancient cave-men had to murder each other whenever they pleased.

To a Comrade in Jail

You are not dead, although behind the bars;

You are not voiceless, though entrapped alive;

However malice, for the moment, thrives,

And man's hypocrisies abash the stars.

The ages yet their vast reversals tell,

And justice thunders from the prison cell.

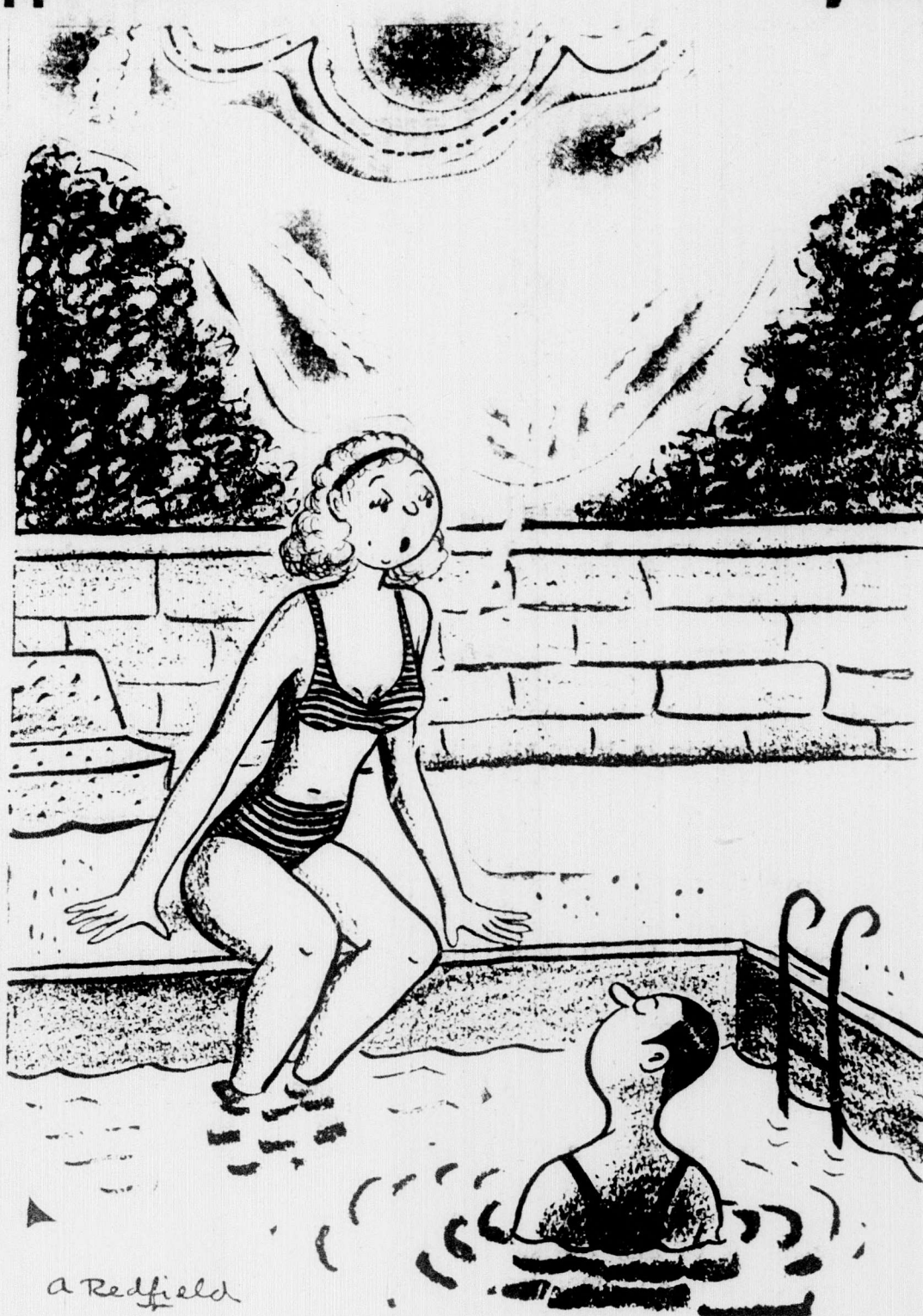
—Robert Whitaker,
Los Gatos, California,
June 1, 1936.

To J. B. McNamara,
Folsom Prison, Repressa,
California.

And to every other comrade
Behind the bars, for freedom's sake.

"It is not mere chance that the language of these moronic marauders (of the Black Legion) should sound exactly like an editorial from any one of the red-baiting newspapers."—Heywood Brown.

The Upper Crust



"Mama says we can only have 12 orchestras for our engagement party—papa just lost a strike."

DIARY OF A CLASS-CONSCIOUS SEAMAN!

By Le Mae

CHAPTER XI.

Steaming into the breakwater of Kobe harbor things seem unchanged since my last voyage here two years ago. Except—for the conspicuous absence of the Japanese fleet—two ships lying at anchor were flying the Nazi swastika at their sterns. A hundred yards away another ship—at her stern the Hammer and Sickle unfurled.

We passed a Japanese tanker laying at anchor trim and fast looking. The same one that had left Frisco a day after us, and we do 20 knots. The fleet is "maneuvering" in the Sea of Japan—that borders Manchuria—I found out later.

"Be careful who you talk to. This country is overrun with political spies. They even have them travelling as passengers on the ship." It was none other than a topside passenger who cautioned me. He was bound for Manchuko and I didn't find out till the last minute.

With this warning in my ear and some previous knowledge of Japanese police activities I decided discretion was better than valor and acted accordingly when I went ashore.

Anxious to get the reaction of the deck gang to what little political discussions we had carried on, I asked several of them to make mental notes on what they observed when they went ashore also. Told them I wanted to use it for this column.

Big King Kong talked to a longshoreman.

"I asked him if they had a union," he said. "The fellow told me they had a strong one."

"But it must be pretty tough here if that is their idea of a strong union," the kid pointed out shrewdly. "They work from 6 in the morning until 9 at night for two and a half yen a day."

The exchange is three yen and a half to an American dollar.

The YCL'er while in a book shop noticed two Japanese looking over some American engineering text books. They spoke very good English. When the YCL'er in a roundabout way brought up the question of war in Manchuria they shut up like clams.

The youth from Hilo while busy "taking in" Japan—it's his first trip out here—nevertheless did react to some of the things he noticed. "I saw little old fellows pulling heavily loaded wagons. It made me feel sorry for them." Two weeks ago he wouldn't have given it a thought.

"The women sure take a beating in this country," was Martin's reflections of Japan. "They don't even rate eating at the same time the men folk do. Have to wait until the men have finished before they can eat."

Moto-Machi is the bazaar shop street. No vehicles other than bicycles are allowed through here. Both sides of the street are lined with shops of all description.

It was Sunday and the street was jammed with people. Without exaggeration every three out of five men or boys were wearing uniforms—clumsy, ill-fitting—but uniforms.

Halfway down the street Bozart and I were crowded off the narrow street to make way for a company of about 100 youths dressed in uniforms and each carrying of all things—an umbrella.

Every now and then a squad of youths dressed in brown army suits and wearing blankets over their shoulders tramped past. "The place is lousy with soldiers," Bozart murmured to me as we stopped at an intersection to let a truckload of

uniformed men blast its way through the crowd with a shrill horn.

Bozart and I turned off into a narrow alley over which hung a sign "Boston Bar. Beautiful girls and good drinks. English spoke well."

"Let's go in and have a drink," said my partner. He didn't have to suggest it twice.

The Boston Bar is like a hundred other such places in Japan. An entrance through a dirty ally into a tiny but spotlessly clean room. Four or five little Japanese girls sitting around in kimono or American dress. A victrola on top of the bar, behind which stands either Mama-san (the madame and usually the owner) or Papa-san.

Although no one was in sight when we started into the alley—before we even reached the doorway a victrola was being started up playing the latest song, "The Music Goes Round and Round." Some idea of how the espionage system works in Japan.

They already know what ship we are off. When we sailed and the fact that we sailed and the fact that we had received our wage draw in Yokohama—and that we had spent practically all of it there. But cash customer or not, the Japanese people are always polite and pleasant, particularly the women.

In the other places we had visited any effort to open a discussion of any political significance was met with a cold "no savvy" stare, so, I decided to try another line here.

Soyoka was her name. I got that far after I had granted her request, "Buy me one drink, please?"

"How old are you," I asked her.

She blushed me for "American cigarettes, please," carefully straightened her Japanese made "Paris" gown and flopped herself on my lap. "Oh, 'bout eighteen years, now."

"Where is your home?"

"Tokyo."

"How long you been here?"

"Nine months." Soyoka drained the last bit of colored water from her wine glass, filled my beer glass and settled back.

"How do you happen to be here?" No,

I was not wearing a holier-than-thou look. I was after information.

She spoke in answer in Japanese to a girl dressed in a native costume who was trying to inveigle another drink from my sidekick. "She say what for you ask?" Soyoka finally answered.

On the table lay a magazine, the cover of which was typical of the maudlin "True Confessions" story books that flood the states. A picture of a broken-hearted blonde under which was Japanese writing. Bernarr McFadden or his Japanese takeoff had reached Japan. "I write for a book like that in San Francisco," I lied cheerfully.

"Ah, sodiska—all right." Soyoka was ready to answer any questions at all. But first, "You buy me another drink, please, sank you very much." Another yen took wings.

A sign overhead caught my eye for a minute for a moment. It read, "A ten per cent luxury tax must be paid through the cafe."

"Plenty luxury tax." I pointed to the sign.

"Maybe pretty soon come big fight. Government must tax plenty." Soyoka was silenced abruptly by the big fat Papa-san. That was the closest I came to "War Talk."

(To be continued.)

by Redfield

State Convention of Party Greet Heroic Leader of Anti-Nazis

CONTENTS OF Letter From California Meet of Communist Party to Ernst Thaelmann Are Described; German Leader Elected to Honorary Presidium of Two-Day Session

A warm message of greetings to Ernst Thaelmann and a pledge to mobilize the working classes in a fight for his freedom were sent to the heroic leader of the Communist Party of Germany from the California State Convention of the Communist Party which met last week in San Francisco. Representing the best fighting groups of workers, farmers, office workers, professionals, and intellectuals, the delegates also elected Thaelmann to the state convention's honorary presidium.

Thaelmann's bitter struggle to organize the workers of Germany from the time he realized the need for such organization when he was just a 16-year-old longshoreman on the docks of Hamburg resulted in one of the strongest trade union movements in the world until the Nazi regime came into power, broke up the unions, and threw Thaelmann himself into prison where he has been illegally kept for the last three years.

The West Coast Maritime workers have also realized the need for strong organization and rank and file control in order to avert fascism. They have developed a strong militant union to fight for their rights. They have displaced their former reactionary leaders, the Joe Ryans and the Scharrenbergs. They are following the example set by the German workers in organizing strong unions controlled by the workers themselves in the struggle against the capitalist owners and shippers.

The West Coast Maritime Federation is the result of the worker's efforts. Signs indicate that a National Maritime Federation will be under way soon. Longshore delegates to the Communist Convention stated that it was due to party leadership and guidance that the gains in the maritime unions were made.

The longshoremen and the other maritime crafts hate fascism as much as Thaelmann and the German workers. They have proved this many times by donating money to the German Communist party, by demonstrating against Thaelmann's imprisonment, by conducting a constant militant and united fight against the fascism and vigilantism which threaten them here.

The weaknesses of the party can be strengthened by more workers from the docks, ships, barges, and warehouses. Farmer-Labor Party organizations must be formed throughout the state to elect candidates from the rank of labor on a Communist ticket or any progressive ticket which the C. P. can approve, which are those consistent with the interests of the toiling class.

Again the C. P. pledges itself to fight for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann. LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY AND ITS HEROIC LEADER ERNEST THAELEMAN.

Confiscation of Loot

MEXICO CITY, June 4.—Continuing their campaign against Ex-President Calles and against those who were expelled from the country along with him, several trade unions today sent a message to Congress demanding that the palatial residence "Hotel Mancera" belonging to the labor-faker Morones be confiscated. During the regime of Calles, Morones gained a fascist-like control over the trade unions and accumulated a huge fortune at the expense of the Mexican workers before whom he openly flaunted his palace and his diamonds.

In their zeal to "civilize" Ethiopia, Italian military authorities enforced the decree that natives surrender their arms and arrested some 150, many of whom were shot in batches of 40 or 50, according to the New York Times. Many had never heard of the decree. But terror is a military necessity to fascist armies.

"We must keep America whole and safe and unspoiled. We must keep the worker away from red literature and red ruses; we must see that his mind remains healthy."—Al Capone.

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People's Health

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

I would like at this time to answer the questions raised in the very pathetic letter from a man suffering from hereditary syphilis which was printed in last Friday's column.

This terrible disease which the writer had inherited from his parents did not show itself until he was in his teens. Despite protracted treatment, he is still afflicted.

If one of a married couple has syphilis, it is most likely that the disease will be inherited by the offspring, that the syphilis germs penetrate it is believed that the syphilis germs penetrate into the ovum or egg of the female with the sperm (seed) of the male. There they develop as the embryo of the child develops. Sometimes the disease causes symptoms directly in the baby after birth; in others, no signs are apparent for years, even decades. In such instances the germs lie dormant in the body tissue until some outer irritation makes them active.

This is the situation in the case of the writer of the letter. The chemical poisoning of the potassium bichromate activated the syphilis germs and brought on the disease. Alcohol is another means of stirring the germs into destructive activity.

Hereditary syphilis is quite often hard to treat, but treatment should be continued at all times, where the causes are known. No headway may be made, but the germs can be stopped from causing further serious damage.

Once the syphilis germs, known as Spirochetes attack the nervous system, it is almost impossible to dislodge them by ordinary methods such as drugs, and results in insanity or other nervous diseases.

Until about 20 years ago such cases were regarded as hopeless. At that time Dr. Wagner-Jauregg of Vienna noticed that syphilitic patients who were insane would show signs of improvement after a malarial attack. From this observation he developed the technique of treating syphilitic insanity by injecting the patients with malaria, killing the disease after several days with a dosage of quinine.

A large percentage of previously hopeless cases were cured or improved. The intense fever combats the syphilitic germs and is supposed to kill them.

Fever therapy in the past few years has been successfully applied to many patients who although not as yet mentally affected do not respond to ordinary treatment. Since the disadvantages of the malarial injection are many, special fever-producing apparatus has been developed which functions with a higher degree of efficiency and safety.

The best known of these machines is the Kettering Hypertherm. Designed in the form of an oven, it accommodates all of the body except the head, and produces the artificial fever. The temperature of the body, the moisture in the air, the rate of pressure, and the rate of circulation are all under absolute scientific control. Another safe treatment is the ordinary hot bath.

No person who suffers from an incurable disease should let a horrible mental or nervous condition "creep up" on him. It is an extremely difficult and far gone case which will not respond to the new methods of treatment.

It is interesting to reflect on how such a person would fare in a Soviet America. To begin with he would probably never have contracted the disease, for as I have frequently pointed out the plague itself would be wiped out by a workers' government. In the second place, his parents would have been aware of the danger of a hereditary disease, and would never have saddled him with such a burden. But, if he were to bring the disease with him into a Soviet America as a vestige of the old order, there would be a number of ways in which it could be soon discovered and treated.

Regular health examinations would bring the disease into the open as a known factor. Known to have the disease he would never be permitted to contact potassium bichromate which would serve to aggravate his condition. Finally the proper treatment would have been applied immediately upon discovery, including the fever treatment if necessary, in order that he might be speedily cured.

None of these things have been applied in his present condition because the run-around system established in our clinics makes these treatments unavailable for those who cannot pay.

Carnegie Steel Co. made profits of 57.9 per cent, 43.7 per cent and 42.4 per cent on three typical Navy contracts between 1930 and 1934.

Industrial Union Support Increases After Steel Victory

EVEN CRAFTS JOINING CIO IN POLICIES

Green's Threats Meet With Scorn of 9 Unions

The steel areas are beginning to hum with preparations for a monster organizational drive, following the agreement between the executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and the Committee for Industrial Organization, which affiliated the Amalgamated to the C. I. O.

The victory of the C. I. O. in steel concluded the first significant battle in the war between John L. Lewis and the C. I. O., against the A. F. of L. executive council, on the issue of industrial vs. craft unionism.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Amalgamated affiliates with the C. I. O., agrees to the establishment of a "Steel Workers Organizing Committee," to be named by Lewis, consisting of a chairman, secretary-treasurer and "such additional members deemed necessary by the chairman of the C. I. O." The C. I. O. agrees to provide funds up to \$500,000 for the organizing drive, and the organizing committee is empowered to dispense with initiation fees, with dues set at \$1 a month for each new member.

IGNOR GREEN

With such a victory, the nine unions affiliated with the C. I. O. were naturally in no state of mind to pay much attention to the warnings of William Green and a special executive council committee that action would be taken against them within two weeks if they did not quit the C. I. O. Two of the nine C. I. O. unions flatly refused to comply and it doesn't seem that any of the others will. Labor circles wonder if the executive council will dare suspend such powerful unions as the United Miners, the United Textile Workers, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers or the International Ladies' Garment Workers.

The U. M. W. A. was sharp in its answer to Green, questioning his right to make such demands on the C. I. O. or the unions affiliated with it. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention in Cleveland, with 500 delegates present, howled down the threatening letter.

SUPPORT GROWS

Support for the C. I. O. keeps rolling in, even from craft union locals. The 15th annual session of the Virginia-Carolina Typographical Union Conference, representing 5000 printers, endorsed industrial organization.

A committee of Texas unions has been set up to promote industrial organization, with Robert Oliver, president of Oil Workers' Local 333 as temporary chairman. Locals of the iron workers and plasterers, craft unions, are represented on the committee.

The major issue at the Maryland State Federation convention was industrial unionism, and surprising strength was shown by the C. I. O. advocates at the convention even though it was craft-dominated. Industrial organization was defeated only by 152 to 212.

NATIONWIDE

The Virginia Federation of Labor joined the list of state federations favoring industrial organization, at its 41st annual convention.

In Seattle, Lodge 79 of the International Association of Machinists went on record rejecting the position of International President Wharton, a staunch craft unionist, and endorsed the C. I. O.

The great majority of the 125 delegates to the Boston Central Labor Council sprang to their feet in support of a motion approving the C. I. O.

Green's answer has been of this type: He pulled the charter of the Silver Bow County Labor Council in Butte, Mont. because the Council refused to seat an Operating Engineers local which muscled in on the Mine, Mill and Smelters.

OIL WORKERS' MEET RECORDS LARGE GAINS

40 Agreements With 32 Concerns; Wages Increased

TULSA, Okla.—The International Assn. of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers now has 40 agreements with 32 different companies, President Harvey C. Fremming reported to the convention of the union here.

Increased organization among the oil workers has brought wages up 30.5% since 1929, and gains have been recorded in seniority, vacations, sick leave, overtime and in the checkoff system, Fremming reported.

The convention discussed a proposal to raise a fund of \$50,000 to launch an organization campaign in the oil industry, but this is a far too inadequate sum for a serious campaign in an industry dominated by such powerful corporations as Standard Oil, Shell, etc.

Fremming attacked the powers assumed by the Supreme Court in invalidating legislation which contains concessions to labor.

The convention, at which 300 delegates were present, decided to change the international's name to the Oil Workers' International Association of America, if the A. F. of L. approves.

Protests have been received by the International, from Mexican trade unions, for allowing the fascist Calles to speak before the convention.

The convention heard an address by David Fowler, District 21, president of the United Mine Workers, who pledged the miners' support to the organized oil workers in any labor fight they may have. He insisted that basic mass production industries, such as petroleum, mining, autos, rubber and steel must be organized on an industrial basis.

A resolution from the floor to support John L. Lewis in whatever stand he takes at the coming A. F. of L. convention in Tampa was referred to the new executive council, consisting of officers and a representative from each of the seven geographical districts. The Council meets in Washington, July 6.

The Fremming machine permitted no vote on the question of a Farmer-Labor Party. Decision was made to hold conventions annually in the future, and the 1937 convention was set for the first Monday in June, at Kansas City, Mo.

The Fremming machine engineered the reelection of the reactionary Fremming as president and John L. Coulter as executive vice-president. E. C. Conarty, representing the Hammond, Ind. Local, the biggest in the International was chosen secretary treasurer.

Push Strike Vote, Ferry Men Urged

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco ferryboat workers must take things into their own hands and demand immediate action by forcing the officials of the unions involved to place before the membership the resolution for a strike ballot, progressives in the Ferryboatmen's Union of the Pacific state.

If the ferryboatmen don't do this, then some 800 ferryboatmen and licensed officers will be faced with permanent unemployment.

The progressives propose that the two groups of workers—those who will and those who will not be thrown out when the bridges are completed—unite, one for the other, on the basis of a fight for a five-day week for those to remain on the ferries, and as surance of jobs or adequate compensation for those to go.

Deal and other Ferryboatmen's Union reactionary officials are going everything in their power to hold back action until such action will become ineffective.

REGISTER COMMUNIST!

To insure a genuine labor candidate in the final November elections, register Communist now! support the Party that fights with all its might for building the Farmer-Labor Party!

Spoke at Shebang



Harry Bridges, leader of the San Francisco longshoremen, who spoke at the big Shebang last Saturday at which the swell new Labor Recreation Center at 32 Clay street, San Francisco, was opened.

S.F. Bldg. Union In Strong Come-Back

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco's union painters for the first time in history are working under a closed shop agreement. The painters threatened a strike on June 1 unless the closed shop was granted and this pressure brought results.

The new agreement provides for a \$1 an hour wage and for the 3 hour day. It is also the first time in 20 years that the contractors here have signed an agreement with the Painters' Union.

The Carpenters' Union has also won a victory in San Francisco. The Associated Homebuilders have adopted a resolution granting the carpenters a \$9 daily wage. The scale became effective on all jobs started after June 8, but union officials expressed the opinion that the scale would become uniform on all construction jobs under way before that date.

It is reported that the entire building trades here will soon be on a closed shop basis. The building trades union movement was once powerful in San Francisco, but was smashed by the employers in an "American plan" drive after the war. But lately the unions have been coming back and are challenging the rule of the powerful Industrial Associations.

The Building Trades Council recently notified the Civil Service Commission that it will fight a proposed city ordinance to replace the 6 hour day on municipal construction jobs with the 8 hour day.

Labor Board Cites Shell Co. Violations

LONG BEACH.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Shell Oil Company to appear before that body in San Francisco June 30 to answer charges of "interference with the organization of employees of the company" filed by 5 International unions.

Discontinuing its annual conference with the unions this year, the company posted notices that it would refuse to meet with the union representatives. The notice also announced the formation of a company union and ordered employees to select representatives.

Prior to the NRA the company union had been in existence a number of years but with the coming of the Blue Eagle workers deserted the Company organization of a bona-fide trade unions.

Santa Fe R.R. Licked In Wage Cut Move

CHICAGO.—The Santa Fe Railroad got a setback in its attempt to remove 61 agents positions from under the scope of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers agreement, and to cut their wages.

Under the Telegraphers agreement the men got 51 cents to \$1.01 an hour. The railroad created new positions of "resident agent" at wages of \$20 to \$80 a month. The National Railroad Adjustment Board ruled this a violation of the agreement.

RAILWAYS TRY TO SMASH THE PENSION LAW

Sue in Federal Court To Have It Declared Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Poverty" is being made the chief plea of the railroads in their attack on the constitutionality of the new Railroad Retirement Act.

The railroads urged Judge Jennings Bailey in the Federal District Court of D. C. to issue a permanent injunction, preventing the government from paying pensions to railway employees out of the public treasury, and from collecting a 3% tax on the railroad payrolls and on railroad employees' incomes. From this tax the pension is paid.

In the attempt to kill the Retirement Act, sleek and well-fed railroad presidents, chairmen of boards of directors and executive vice-presidents, paraded before the court sobbing their plea of poverty and claiming that the railroads would be "ruined" if the Retirement Act were allowed to stand.

Cross-examination by government attorneys punctured this claim. They showed that an increase of less than 2% in the roads' gross receipts would be enough to meet the carriers' share of the cost of the proposed national pension system.

Railroads magnates argued on behalf of retaining the present pension systems existing on some of the roads, because the size of these pensions are pitifully small. Executive vice-president Hildum of the Lehigh Valley admitted that the maximum pension on his road was \$30 a month except in two or three cases. In addition, these pensions are held as a club over the heads of the employees, to prevent strikes and other struggles, whereas the federal pension act makes pensions compulsory.

Frequent Clashes In Ala. Ore Strike

BESSEMER, Ala.—The United States Steel Corp. has thrown its full weight behind the organized campaign of terror and violence against the 2000 striking iron ore miners of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.

The beating of Pete Casey, a Negro striker, is the latest incident in the reign of terror. A squad of T. C. I. deputies, who claimed to be cops, stopped Casey as he walked along a road just outside Bessemer, and finding a Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union card on him, piled on the Negro miner.

The iron miners walked out after rejecting an "incentive" plan, a form of piece work by which the company tried to replace the hourly wage scale. Only four employees voted for the plan.

Since the start of the strike on May 31, frequent bloody clashes have occurred between deputies and strikers, the workers defending themselves with good account. In the first three days, in gun clashes near the mine openings in Muskoda, Ishkoda and Wenonah, eight men, five of them deputies, were shot, as the McDuff Detective Agency was brought in to break the strike.

The company had formed a company union, the Brotherhood of Captive Miners, in an effort to stem the miners' militancy, but it didn't work.

Shoe Repair Bosses In S.F. Meet Terms of Union; Settle Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—Only seven out of 34 shoe repair shops struck last week continue to hold out against the Boot and Shoe Repairmen's Union Local 320, reports J. F. Shelley of the Central Labor Council.

About 200 workers were affected by the strike for shorter hours and wage increases. The shops have signed with the union have granted, in addition, overtime and holiday pay, and union preference.

Large Growers Cut Field Workers' Wages Day After State Conference

Also several large farmers have cut the cherry pickers to 1 cent per pound, plus charging workers 20 cents a round trip to and from the farm for the privilege of going out to work for starvation wages.

This illegal charge to workers for transportation is overlooked by the local officials. The present wages in effect in the valley and conditions are worse than in the great strike of 1933, led by Pat Chambers, Carolin Decker, and others, who were framed and sent to prison for fighting for better wages and conditions.

All labor throughout the state should pass resolutions and ask their Central Labor Councils to back up and support financially the organizing of the agricultural workers in California.

Every worker in the fields should join the union and help build it up to a real militant union to do away with these coolie wages.

These wage cuts are the answer of the large farmers and growers to just what conditions they will try to impose on workers who have the gall to organize themselves. The answer of the rank and file A. F. of L. members must be to demand their local unions and Central Labor Councils actively help in this task of organizing tens of thousands of exploited unorganized workers.

Tear Gas Attack on Remington Strikers

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Tear Gas bombs and police clubs were brought into play to break up a picket line at the Remington-Rand typewriter plant on Tuesday. The police attack came when the strikers jeered and threw rotten eggs at strikebreakers leaving the plant.

The strikebreakers got a similar reception when they got near their hotel in the main business section. The Syracuse plant is one of a number of Remington-Rand plants struck in six cities in New York, Ohio, and Connecticut.

Hates Unions



Mean looking mug above is Arthur Lupp, Detroit city milk inspector and one-time deputy sheriff, at present chief recruiting officer for the murderous Black Legion. These fascists made their chief aim the smashing of the trade unions.

R.R. Telegraphers For Organizing of Unorganized Roads

NEW ORLEANS, La.—According to the decisions of its recently concluded convention, the Order of Railway Telegraphers stands committed to the following program of action:

A fight for the proposed Federal Child Labor Amendment, which was endorsed at the convention.

Endorsement of government ownership of railroads.

Establishment of a legal reserve plan.

An organizing campaign on unorganized railways, which was provided in a resolution adopted by the convention.

E. J. Manion was reelected Grand President and L. J. Ross Grand Secretary Treasurer. The convention lasted two weeks.

California Labor Notes

OAKLAND.—The Central Labor Council voted to put the Gallen Kamp Shoe stores on the unfair list, and next morning pickets were placed in front of the store. The result was that the following day the management was appealing for help, as the company couldn't get any shoes out of its warehouse. It seems that the teamsters refused to go through picket lines. An agreement was signed at once.

The Council has voted to ask the Newspaper Guild, which in its national convention recently decided to affiliate with the A. F. of L., to send fraternal delegates to sit in the Council meetings until such time as they could be seated as regular delegates.

TRONA.—After 4 weeks of testimony hearings in the controversy between the American Potash and Chemical Company and the Borax Workers' Union, Local 20181 of Trona, ended in Los Angeles. The company was charged with fostering a company dominated union, interfering with the workers' right to organize a genuine union, and firing 5 workers for joining the union. The hearing was originally scheduled for Randsburg, but was transferred to Los Angeles when the American Legion of Randsburg cancelled the use of its hall.

LOS ANGELES.—Seven shops and three new applications for membership were reported signed here last week on behalf of the Santa Barbara branch of Bakers' Local 37, Los Angeles. Secretary Charles Shields of the Bakers' Los Angeles Joint Board also reported signing five new applications from Long Beach.

LONG BEACH.—At the request of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, the Kay-Bee Sportswear Co. has been placed on the official "We don't Patronize" list by the Long Beach Central Labor Council. After many unsuccessful attempts by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union to secure a union contract with the Kay-Bee Company, the firm was placed on the unfair list and trade unionists urged to refrain from purchasing their products. The Company is owned by Kurtzman Bros.

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TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS—Do not hold affairs on Saturday, June 20th. Mass Election Rally and banquet for Gallagher and Johnson. Place and time to be announced later.

A THRILLING FILM—500,000 take to the streets in New May Day. First Los Angeles showing. June 18-19-20, 8:30 p. m. Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring street. Admission 15c.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN PARTY—Friday, June 19. Refreshments and Dancing. 2324 Miramar st., 1 block north of 3rd and 2 blocks west of Alvarado. Admission 5 cents.

ELECTION RALLY AND BANQUET. Launching campaign for LEO GALLAGHER, candidate for Judge, Superior Court, Office No. 15 GROVER JOHNSON, candidate for District Attorney, Los Angeles County, Saturday, June 20th, 6:30 P. M. at CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA, 612 Olive St., No Admission. Pay only for food cafeteria style.

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